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*of the*  
WALTER *and* KEISTER  
DESCENDENTS

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INTRODUCTION

There are no closer, or stronger, ties in the universe, than those of kinship. The man who has no pride in his ancestors, or those related to him by family ties, is either a dunce, or else is related to people who should not be allowed at large, or to perpetuate themselves. Recognizing the force of the ties of those related to him; and having just reason for pride in his fore bearers, moved William Colonel Walter to search out, and compile, material for a family genealogy. For years he devoted himself assiduously to this task. Hours, days and months were spent in accumulating the data and facts brought together in this volume. As faithfully as it was humanly possible the material was collected, and with painstaking care, and with an earnest desire to pass this volume on to generations yet unborn, this book was compiled and then printed. The marvel of it all is, the author of this self appointed task, completed this volume after having reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. It is therefore, with a deep sense of appreciation, that I, one of the "in-laws", by special request write these few lines of introduction.

In closing this added word; namely, I trust that the future generations, of this typical American family, may be as strong, courageous and worthy as those who have gone on before; and especially as respected and esteemed as the one who deserves the sole credit for this volume.

Respectfully,

Raoul R. Moser.



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## FOREWORD

I have always desired a family record of our people, and finally undertook the task of compiling a sort of history of that nature. I have lived away from my people since a small boy, and no family record having been kept, I found it very difficult to secure complete information, and more difficult and often impossible to give a sketch of their lives, their accomplishments, characteristics and attainments; and I realize fully that many worthy accomplishments, many noble deeds, many patient sacrifices, many brilliant attainments, many grand achievements, many kind, loving and charitable acts are unrecorded herein. I regret this very much, and you will never fully realize how difficult is the task until you undertake to produce a similar work under like conditions.

I had neither time nor opportunity to gather facts for such a history as we would all like, but have made considerable effort to collect names, dates, etc., together with such history of the family as I could secure, trusting that it would be accepted and appreciated in the spirit in which it is written, and that it would, at least, preserve a record and assist some relative in writing a better history. My only request and greatest reward will be granted if each of you will carefully preserve this book and keep up your family record. Blank pages are placed at the close of the book to be used by the younger generations for that purpose.

I have done this work in a spirit of love, and present you this book as a token of the affection and esteem, that I hold for all my relatives.

With my very best wishes for your welfare, success and happiness, I am always,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Walter.

Manhattan, Kansas.





## AN APPRECIATION

By a Representative of the  
FRIENDS and ASSOCIATES of W. C. WALTER

Having noticed the modest comments Mr. Walter has written relative to his life in this geneology, his host of friends and associates feel that a fuller account of his life, character and achievements should be contained herein. Therefore, we have with much effort, secured his consent to allow us to give a more complete sketch of his character and attainments, feeling that the author's modesty should not be a barrier to his being justly represented in these pages, as great credit is due him for compiling and presenting this valuable record to his relatives.

Though born in humble circumstances, William C. Walter, by his indomitable will which overcame all obstacles, and after experiencing more than his share of the trials and vicissitudes of life, has by his own industry and efforts placed himself in a position among teachers, millers, farmers and financiers and his fellow men.

He labored and saved for many years as only a man with an iron will and constitution could, and always with one object in view, namely, that he might some day become useful to mankind.

His first experience in life of consequence was when he began teaching in the public schools, while a young man in Wayne county, Ohio. And even then he was imbued with the idea of being useful to mankind.

He had many discouragements but he was always happiest when overcoming hard obstacles. He worked, managed and saved with all the power in his being; sacrificing every pleasure to the success of his business, but always with a spirit of fairness and consideration for his friends and associates.

He was born and reared in the midst of agricultural pursuits, and at an early age—eighteen years—began to teach in public schools. He became married to Sarah Shelt, and

started farming in the state of Ohio. Later he migrated to Nebraska, and after working in a flour mill and having mastered the trade, he entered the flour milling industry for himself.

He continued in business despite the extensive damage of a disastrous flood, for a couple years, until the mill was destroyed by fire, leaving him without available capital to rebuild.

The family at that time consisted of the wife and three children besides himself. In the selection of another place with a more moderate climate, and one in which he could try and retrieve his losses, he decided upon Kansas. He loaded all his possessions into a covered wagon and migrated to Riley county, Kansas.

Mr. Walter could not be other than he is—a leader of men, a teacher and organizer, a most capable executive and manager; indeed, his very physical appearance indicates the ruler and not the servant. A noble head set on a powerful frame, indicative of a strong constitution, the broad forehead of the thinker, the strong nose, ever associated with the idea of mastery, the keen eye of the observer, the powerful jaws with the firm lips—all these, added to a full back head, which is the seat of force, impress one strongly that he was born to lead and not to follow. Those who know him respect him. They appreciate his absolute honesty of purpose, his unquestioned ability, and spirit of fairness in all his dealings, which he inherited from a long line of honorable ancestors.

While on the farm in Riley county, Kansas, where he lived so long, he took time to be interested in his community. He was superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Sunday School for many years. Mr. Walter also served on the school board during the entire time that he lived on the farm—forty-two years. He also held spelling schools at Mt. Pleasant and invitations were extended to the entire community to participate, which they did.

Mr. Walter has always been a great reader and thinker when time permitted. And to that end could take an active part in the literary meetings of the community held at Mt. Pleasant school house and debate in a very creditable manner.



He served as Justice of the Peace of Grant township for several terms. In 1910 he was appointed Enumerator for the taking of the census of the northern section of Riley county, a recognition of considerable note. Even after his retirement from the farm he served as Assessor of Ward 5 in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, being appointed for four years. A better indication of the esteem in which Mr. Walter is held, is shown by the recent action of the Masonic Lodge, of which he is a member, when it voted him a life membership because of the great length of time that he has been on its rolls as a member.

The broad gauge of Mr. Walter's mind, however, makes him tolerant of all religions. He teaches and practices the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you", believing that, "As ye sow, so shall ye also reap." His philosophy teaches him to practice the great moral law: "Love thy neighbor as thy self." And one of his greatest pleasures and ambitions is to assist and be of benefit to his relatives, friends and humanity in general, believing that the only true happiness in life and the advancement comes from the helping of others.

## CHAPTER I

HISTORY OF THE EARLIER WALTER AND KEISTER  
FAMILIES—JACOB WALTER, CAPT. JOHN WALTER,  
SARAH SLIFFE DESCENDENTS, JOHN  
WALTER, BROTHER OF CHRISTIAN—HIS  
DESCENDENTS, REUBEN, SON OF JOHN  
—HIS DESCENDENTS

THE Walter family is of Holland descent having lived there in lower Rhine provinces for years. However, owing to the many political changes during the times of the Spanish attempt to subjugate the Netherlands, the supposition is that a great number of the Walter family migrated to England along with many other Hollanders who desired British rule in preference to the Spanish threat.

Christian Walter, the writer's great grandfather in company with two brothers, all of them comparatively young and adventurous, emigrated to America, somewhere around the year 1780, and landed in New York City. Whether they came from England or Holland has never been fully established. However, as these brothers were not of a roaming disposition, their first thought was to secure employment of some sort, and in their endeavors to carry out that laudable ambition, they became separated. Therefore, as regards the authentic history of these two brothers of Christian Walter, we have none so far as any investigation that the writer has been able to conduct, except the supposition that they became residents of America and settled in the William Penn colony near what is now known as the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

Christian Walter evidently finally settled down to farming in Morland county, Pennsylvania, and had a son whom he named Christian Walter, who was, of course, the writer's grandfather. The latter married Margaretha Keister in the spring of 1805, and this union was blessed with sixteen children. In a succeeding paragraph more will be mentioned as regards this family of whom the writer is a direct descendant.





My grandfather, Christian Walter, had seven brothers, three of whom settled in the state of Ohio, one in Indiana, one in Iowa, one in California, and one in Oregon. The names of those locating outside of Ohio, are respectively, Daniel Walter, Amos Walter, Peter Walter and Samuel Walter. The other three brothers located in Tascarraras county, Ohio, and their names were Reuben, Jacob and John Walter.

The writer has no information regards Reuben and the reader should not confuse Reuben, son of John, with John's brother Reuben.

My grandfather Christian Walter and Margaretha, his wife, lived in Morland county, Penn., and the following are the names of the children that were born there: John Walter, Jacob Walter, Catherine Walter, Margaret Walter, Elizabeth Walter and Susan Walter. Prior to living in Pennsylvania, Christian Walter, the writer has been informed, had lived in or near Hagerstown, Maryland. From Morland county, Pennsylvania they moved by ox teams to Wayne county, Ohio, where grandfather preempted some land.

On this site they erected a log cabin for a home and lived there for several years. In order to keep the cabin comfortable and warm they were compelled to hang bed quilts over the doors and windows. This served the purpose of closing the windows and doors, as well as keeping out the cold. This home was located one mile north of what is now Burton City, Wayne county, Ohio—also known as the Neiswander farm. The following children were born there: Peter, Joseph, Lewis, Samuel, Mary, Amos, (the writers father), Daniel and Nancy (twins), and Cyrus. Louisa, the sixteenth child born into the family, saw the light of day on the farm of Christian Walter, one mile west of Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, to which final Ohio residence, he had moved some time previously.

At one time there were seven different Walter families that lived in School District No. 9, Green Township. Now the conclusion would be that that could be somewhat of an exaggeration. However, it is a matter of record that the

school board had to employ two teachers, which is conclusive in itself that the enumeration was exceptionally large. Furthermore, the reader will learn in the perusal of this book, that that could be easily possible where the family records show the names of twelve, fourteen and even fifteen or sixteen children.

As this history is intended to give one some knowledge of grandfather Walter and grandmother Walter, Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, it will be necessary to sketch the Keister side of the family as well. Lewis Keister and wife were the parents of Margaretha Keister Walter, the writer's grandmother. They were residents of Morland county, Pennsylvania for years. In fact Lewis Keister had served his country faithfully during the Revolutionary War, belonging to the Pennsylvania contingents.

In the family record that is given below of the brothers and sisters of my grandmother, Margaretha Keister Walter, all sons and daughters of Lewis Keister, the reader must note that the records were kept at that time somewhat differently from what we do now, as at that time a record of the day of the week was also kept. Below, is given the children in the order of their birth: Peter, Sabbath, Nov. 12, 1775; Jacob, Sabbath, Dec. 14, 1777; Catherine, Thursday, Mar. 30, 1780; Christina, Monday, Aug. 20, 1781; Margaretha, Saturday, Mar. 31, 1787 (my grandmother); Maria Magdalena, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1791; Elizabeth, Tuesday, June 9, 1795; Eva, Monday, July 2, 1798.

Somewhere in the succeeding chapters will be found the family records of some of the other Keister families.

To return again to my grandfather Christian Walter, and at the time he emigrated from Pennsylvania into Ohio, at that period in his life, my father had not, as yet, been born—not until 1825. Christian Walter preempted the following described land, to wit: the northeast quarter, section 21, township 17 range 11, as given in the original patent as issued by the United States Government, Oct. 13, 1815. Also the east half of the south quarter of section 21, township 17, range 11 as described in the original patent



issued Mar. 6, 1829. These two tracts of 240 acres in Baughman Township, Wayne county, Ohio, are located as before stated, one mile north of what is now Burton City, Ohio. At this place he lived for about sixteen years, and during this time there were born ten children, all of exceptional health and strength. As evidence of their robustness one instance is herewith cited. My father's sister Susan could pick up a blacksmith's anvil and place it upon her shoulder, a feat which few men can do. Another of her athletic stunts was to shoulder three bushels of wheat while standing in a half-bushel measure.

The land preempted by Christian Walter was pretty well forested. A person these days often wonders how so much forest land was cleared of the trees, so that it could be put under cultivation. Of course, the owner of the land did much of the work himself with the aid of his family, but there also was the old-fashioned log-rolling that helped a great deal, too.

On an announced date the neighbors would gather at a farm home, the land of which they were to assist in clearing of its timber, and a real holiday affair was made of cutting off the trees and the rolling of the logs into convenient piles, and well covered with the brush to be burned later when well dried. Of course, the women folk, as ever, provided the refreshments and saw that the hard-working men were well fed. While there were but a few saws, nevertheless sawing and chopping contests, as well as log carrying tests prevailed—single handed and in teams—so that much sport and merriment prevailed. The affair provided a means for the women folk to get together and knit and visit with other members of the neighborhood.

Grandfather Walter sold this land to Emanuel Nishwanger in 1831 for \$2500, and a tract in Greene Township, Section 29, Township 17, Range 11, described as the north-east quarter.

The following are the real estate conveyances made by grandfather Christian Walter, as of record in the County

Recorder's office of Wayne county, Ohio, during his life time.

1831	Bought of Hartzler	12—17 26 S½ 320 A.	\$1280.
1832	Jno. Sychs	12—17 34 SE¼ 160 A.	500
1833	Robert Elliott	12—17 29 P-SE¼ 30½ A.	750
1838	Geo. J. Smith	12—17 27 P-SE¼ 97 A.	2000
1834	Sold to Daniel Brunty	12—17 34 N. E. ¼	
1838	to Peter Walter	12—17 26	
1845	to Peter Walter	12—17 26	
1840	to Lewis Walter	12—17 27	
1852	to Catherine Coe	12—17 27 20 A.	
1855	to Samuel Walter	12—17 26	
1855	to Daniel Walter	12—17 26	
1855	to Joseph Walter	12—17 26	

One can very easily note that land at that time was considerably cheaper than now. As this is being written during the great depression period from 1930 to 1933 when we are paying high taxes, it is very refreshing, indeed, and a pleasure to glance back to the years when grandfather lived and see what his taxes were. In the year 1836, his taxes on the following real estate, S. W. quarter and the S. E. Quarter of section 29, were \$8.44. Now his personal property which was assessed, consisted of a note for \$100; three horses; five head of cattle and nothing more. His tax on these amounted to \$2.08,—a total tax bill of \$10.52, real estate and personal.

After selling the homestead to Emanuel Nishwanger he bought land in Greene Twp., Wayne Co., O., one mile west of Orrville,—to which they moved. There they again built a log cabin in which to make their home. In the yard is a large and exceptionally fine spring of never failing water, and is a land mark for the entire surrounding country. It was over this spring that the log cabin was built, and it was in this cabin or spring house, as it was called, that I first saw the light of day. It was our home for three years.

Now you readers may be able to remember some of your antics during your younger days, and have many a laugh over them as you look back after reaching your majority. I will have to relate one of mine. Mother said





that about meal time I would slip over to grandmother's home, which was another log cabin on the same place in the same yard, and grandmother would sit me upon a chair between her and grandfather, or else upon her lap for a meal. Mother grew tired of going after me and making trouble for them, so one day she came after me and in the yard on the way home she gave me a good hard spanking. Grandfather heard me crying and came out of the house and told mother somewhat heatedly that she was the one that needed the spanking. However, do you suppose that helped the smart of my person any?

The following is a list of the births of the children of grandfather Christian Walter and his wife Margaretha Keister Walter:

John, born Tuesday, April 22, 1806  
 Jacob, born Monday, January 3, 1808.  
 Catharine, born Friday, May 19, 1809.  
 Margaret, born Friday, November 23, 1810.  
 Elizabeth, born Monday, May 25, 1812.  
 Susann, born Wednesday, December 8, 1813.  
 Peter, born Wednesday, March 13, 1816.  
 Joseph, born Saturday, April 19, 1819.  
 Lewis, born Friday, February 19, 1819.  
 Samuel, born Sabbath, December 9, 1821.  
 Mary, born Monday, May 12, 1823.  
 Amos (my father), born Tuesday, November 29, 1825.  
 Daniel, born Wednesday, October 1, 1828, twin.  
 Nancy, born Wednesday, October 1, 1828, twin.  
 Cyrus, born Tuesday, May 24, 1831.  
 Louisa, born Sabbath, January 27, 1833.

This list of sixteen children all lived to be heads of families. And when Margaretha Walter Keister died Feb. 2, 1862, at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 1 day, she left 110 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren, a total of 157 direct descendants.

Christian Walter was born May 13, 1781, and died Oct. 30, 1852, age 76 years, 5 months, and seven days. They both rest side by side in the Paradise Cemetery,

Wayne Co., Ohio, where a beautiful marble shaft evidences the fact that they still are living in the minds of their grateful descendants.

Jacob Walter, a brother of Christian Walter, homesteaded the southeast quarter 12—9—4, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio in 1811, and this land has remained in the Walter family ever since. It should be noted that Jacob preempted his land four years earlier than grandfather Christian Walter. While visiting at this place in 1918, the writer saw a spruce pine tree that had been planted ninety years before by Curtis Walter's grandmother. The tree measured seven and one-half feet in circumference. Jacob Walter was born in 1779, and died July 29, 1826. He was married to Barbara Shoewalter, who was born in April, 1786 and passed away in 1836. On Dec. 23, 1842 the homestead of Jacob Walter was deeded to Captain John Walter, his son; the deed being witnessed by Peter Walter and Elizabeth, his wife.

Jacob Walter, so far as could be ascertained, had three children: Captain John Walter, born Oct. 1, 1808, died Sept. 18, 1874, leaving 11 children by his first wife and 5 by the second; Magdalena Walter, born Jan. 1, 1814 (No further record), and Joshua, born Jan. 30, 1824, died Sept. 10, 1865.

Capt. John Walter's wife was Susana Swihart, and the following children were born to them: Sarah, Mary, David, Emma, Newton, John, Fredrick, Susana, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Jacob G. Walter, the latter born 1806, died 1837, leaving two children, Marshall and Martha Walter. Susana Walter nee Swihart died June 25, 1863. Capt. John again married. In April, 1864 Katie Roth, born 1843, became his wife, and five children were born to them: Robert N. Walter, born May 13, 1865; James Watkins, Nov. 2, 1866; Nellie G., July, 1868—died Sept. 1881, and buried in German Reform cemetery, Shanesville, O.; John R., Jan. 26, 1872; Alice Walter, May 15, 1874.

Sarah Walter, oldest daughter of Capt. John Walter was born Sept. 2, 1833, died Mar. 29, 1905, age 71 years, 6 mons., 27 days; buried at Austin, Cass county, Mo. She



married Henry J. Sliffe, a farmer, born Apr. 15, 1831 near Shanesville, O., died Nov. 5, 1902 and was buried at Austin, Mo., beside his wife. They had farmed for some time in Ohio and then emigrated to Missouri. The following children were born to them: Susannah Elizabeth, Aug., 24, 1853; Benjamin Franklin, Nov. 22, 1854; Emma Charlotte, Aug. 26, 1856; Ida Alice, Jan. 1, 1858; Thomas Marion, July 22, 1859; Jacob Goering, Apr. 6, 1861; Uriah Fredrick, Nov. 26, 1862; Harriet Louisa, Sept. 16, 1864; John Walter, Nov. 7, 1865; Robert Nugeon, Jan. 31, 1870; Dessa Adella, Oct. 5, 1872; William Henry, Aug. 27, 1874; and George Ray Sliffe, Sept. 24, 1878. Thomas Marion Sliffe died May 8, 1869, and Uriah Frederick Sliffe, Apr. 3, 1864; both buried at Shanesville, Tuscarrawas, county, Ohio. John Walter Sliffe died Nov. 7, 1872 and was buried at Austin, Cass county, Mo.

The records of the descendants of Sarah Walter Sliffe and Henry J. Sliffe as the writer has in his possession will be given in the order of their birth.

Susannah Elizabeth Sliffe on May 6, 1875 married Eli S. Yoder near East Lynne, Cass county, Mo. Mr. Yoder is a farmer, and his address was Pando, Colo. Susannah was born on the John Walter farm near what is now Barrs Mill, Ohio.

Benjamin F. Sliffe on Oct. 11, 1881 married Margaret Emeline Timmons. Mr. Sliffe was a farmer and stock raiser and was born near Massillon, Ohio. He moved to Missouri with his parents in 1869. They had no children, Benjamin and Margaret. Margaret passed away Aug. 26, 1901, and was buried at Adrian, Bates Co., Mo., in the United Brethern cemetery.

Emma Charlotte Sliffe, born near Shanesville, O. was a teacher in the public schools before her marriage to William Alfred Stevens on Nov. 25, 1879 at Austin, Mo. Mr. Stevens was born Jan. 30, 1856, and was a farmer. Two children were born to the family: Alice Amelia, July 20, 1881, and afterwards became a teacher in the public schools; and Mabel Grace Stevens, born Sept. 30, 1886, who mar-

ried Homer Uel Blayney, Feb. 26, 1913. Mr. Blayney was born Feb. 11, 1886 and he is engaged in farming near Garden City, Mo. They had one child, Allen Stevens Blayney, born May 2, 1917.

Ida Alice Sliffe, fourth child of Henry J. Sliffe and Sarah Walter Sliffe, was born near Shanesville, O. She married John Tipton, a lumberman and farmer who was born Aug. 7, 1831. Mr. Tipton passed away July 30, 1912, and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Cement, Caddo county, Okla. One child was born to Ida Alice, Arthur Ray Tipton born March 31, 1890, who afterwards became a farmer, being married in October, 1910. Two children were born: Hazel Alice, in 1911; and Alice Louise, Mar. 7, 1913. A. R. Tipton's address was Cement, Okla. Ida Tipton's address was 743 Asp Ave., Norman, Okla.

Jacob Goering Sliffe was born near Shanesville, O.; moved to Missouri with his parents in 1869, and later to Oregon in 1887. He was the sixth child of Sarah Walter Sliffe and Henry J. Sliffe. He married Nanna Jones, May 21, 1900 at Heppner, Ore. One child, Edith M. Sliffe was born to this union, May 4, 1901. Mr. Sliffe was engaged in the lumber and mercantile business at John Day, Ore.

Robert Nugeon Sliffe, after receiving his regular grade school education, took a business course in addition, and taught in the public schools for six years. He married Etta May Nicholls, Dec. 31, 1899. Etta May was born May 3, 1877. Their address was Foster, Ore., near which place they are engaged in farming. The following children were born into the family: Arthur Leon, Oct. 3, 1900; Paul Arden, Oct. 25, 1903; Gertrude Luella, Jan. 26, 1905; Joseph Henry, May 8, 1906; an infant Sept. 18, 1909; and Howard Arland Sept. 13, 1912. Joseph Henry Sliffe died Aug. 7, 1906 and an infant Sept. 18, 1909; the former buried in the Nichols cemetery, Adrian, Pates Co., Mo.; and the latter in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Rupert, Minidoka Co., Ida. Robert Nugeon Sliffe was the tenth child of Henry J. and Sarah Walter Sliffe.

Dessa Adella Sliffe, eleventh child of Henry J. Sliffe and





Sarah Walter Sliffe, on Feb. 18, 1902 married James B. Hurt, born Mar. 3, 1864. They engaged in farming near Ashland, Ore. Two children were born to this union: Ernest Vern, Oct. 15, 1903 and Ethel Geneva, Apr. 22, 1906.

Harriet Louisa Sliffe, eighth child of Henry J. Sliffe and Sarah Walter Sliffe, on Aug. 5, 1890 became united in marriage to Dr. J. B. Kenagy, born Feb. 13, 1863. Two children was born to this union: Payre, July 13, 1893, who was studying medicine at the time these records were being collected; and Louise Elizabeth, Aug. 1, 1900. Dr. Kenagy was a practicing physician and surgeon and their address was Rupert, Idaho.

William Henry Sliffe, twelfth child of Henry J., was born near Austin, Mo., Aug. 27, 1874; married Nora McKee, Dec. 1895. Four children were born: Henry, Sept. 19, 1897; Erle, May 20, 1904; Carl, Aug. 23, 1906; Arlen, Dec. 15, 1908. William Henry farmed near Garden City, Mo. Geo. Roy Sliffe married Mattie Stevenson, Sept. 27, 1899; one child was born to this union: Beulah Sliffe, May 31, 1900.

Thus is reached the end of the Sarah Walter—Henry J. Sliffe descendents as have been reported to the writer several years ago. No doubt there are additional descendents that have been born since, but I have done the best I could to get as complete a record as possible, as well as to include all available families.

Fredrick Walter, a son of Capt. Jno. Walter, born Feb. 1, 1839, married Leah C. Teters, born Aug. 16, 1849. Their children were: Thos. M.; Curtis A. Walter; Lewis E. and Nora B. who died in Aug. 1907 and was buried in Bunker Hill cemetery at Winfield, Tuscararas county, Ohio. Fredrick Walter died May 10, 1920 and his wife Leah, Feb. 3, 1875; both being interred in the mausoleum at Shanesville, Ohio.

Thos. M. Walter was born June 17, 1866, and was united in marriage to Mary C. Kohr, Sept. 30, 1888. His wife was born Dec. 22, 1868. Thomas was a farmer, and

teacher in the public schools for nine years in addition, being at present—or was—Department Manager of a garage at New Philadelphia, Ohio. They had one son, Howard R. Walter, born Sept. 7, 1896.

Curtis A. Walter was born April 21, 1868; married to Lilly E. Maybach Sept. 28, 1892. She was born May 24, 1869. They are farmers by occupation, and have two children: Mary D. born July 16, 1896, and after being graduated from Kent College, taught school two years. She married Henry C. Kinderknecht, born June 18, 1894, a department Superintendent of the sheet metal mill at Dover, Ohio. The other daughter of Curtis, Catherine H., born Sept. 25, 1903.

Robert N. Walter, born May 13, 1865, married Marian Augusta Walter June 25, 1899. She was born July 15, 1869, and a dressmaker by trade. Robert maintains a general store. They had three children: Ralph Springer Walter, born May 31, 1900, a store clerk; Julia, Oct. 29, 1903, and Stanley, Apr. 7, 1906. Ralph S. married Alice Penix Aug. 3, 1917, live at Canton, O., where he is employed as a conductor. Robert N. Walter's address was Dundee, Ohio.

Joshua Walter, a brother of Captain John Walter and both sons of Jacob Walter, who in turn was a brother of Christian Walter, the writer's grandfather, was born Jan. 30, 1824. He was married to Mary Jane Gartrell. Their children are: Jno. Henry, born Apr. 1, 1851, farms near Beach City, O.; Thos. J., May 8, 1854, farms near Sugar Creek, O.; Elizabeth Ann Johnson nee Walter, May 23, 1856, Beach City; Jasper N., May 30, 1858, farm laborer, died July 16, 1913; Jas. Upton, Mar. 28, 1860, teacher, farmer and mail carrier, Dundee, O.; Amanda Jane Rose nee Walter, Mar. 4, 1862, Painesville, O.; Mary Catherine, Nov. 2, 1865, died Dec. 1882; and Remus Watson, Feb. 1, 1864; taught school before marriage to Abigail Ward, born Dec. 23, 1883. Remus is the only one of whom I have any further record, to carry on the lineal descent of Joseph Walter, who died Sept. 10, 1865, buried in the Walter cemetery on their farm near Barr's Mill, Tuscararas county, O. and his wife Mary Jane,



died Apr. 9, 1896 and was interred at Dundee, Tuscararas county, Ohio.

Remus Walter on Dec. 23, 1888 married Abigail Ward and their children are: Allen D., Warren McKinley, Dwight Simon, Homer Ward, Chas. Frederick, George Glen, Elmer Joshua, Anna Mae, Lewis Jones, and Clara Lucille.

Allen Donat Walter, born Nov. 4, 1889, married Alice Carrie Kemp, Sept. 16, 1913. She was born June 22, 1891. Allen was employed as Treasurer of the Ohio Electric Co. They have one daughter, Evelyn Jane, born April 5, 1919. They did reside at Cleveland, Ohio.

Warren Mc. K. Walter, born July 12, 1891, Married Sina Gould Machan May 19, 1912. She was born Nov. 15, 1891. Their children: Mary Kathryn, Mar. 23, 1913, and Helen Abigail, Oct. 16, 1919. Warren worked for the Good-year Tire & Rubber Co., and live at Akron, Ohio.

Dwight Simon Walter, born Mar. 26, 1893, married Kathryn A. Spidell on May 5, 1917. Their child is Dwight Syman Jr., born Jan. 5, 1918. Dwight attended Ohio State University and is a bookkeeper.

Homer Ward Walter was born August 27, 1896 and was reared on his father's farm near Dundee, O. He graduated from the rural public schools at Dundee and entered Dover High School in Sept. 1912, graduating with the Class of '15. He made his residence in Dover during the four years that he attended high school, and defrayed his expenses by clerking in a hotel and working in the local factories during his summer vacations. He attended Ohio State University at Columbus, O. in the fall of 1915 and graduated in 1919 with the degree of B. S. in Agriculture. During his college course he was cadet 1st Lieutenant and instructor in Military Science and Tactics. He was also a salesman for the Barnum Pub. Co., of Cleveland, O. He is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity, which is a national chemical fraternity, also a member of the Masonic lodge, Tuscararas of Dover, O., where he was admitted during the year 1919 completing the Blue lodge work. He

enlisted in the army in the fall of 1917 and reported to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. June 1, 1918. He received his commission in the Field Artillery as 2nd Lieut. and was ordered to Camp Taylor, Ky. in Sept., and attended a special officer's school, acting as instructor at this camp until he received his honorable discharge Dec. 14, 1918. He was married to Miriam Gertrude Clark, Aug. 16, 1919 and became Instructor in Vocational Agriculture at Gallipolis, O. the same year.

The rest of the children of Remus Walter were still at home at the time this information was given me, and had not at that time begun a family of their own.

We will now take up the history so far as I have been able to compile of John Walter, brother of Christian, my grandfather. As has been previously stated, there were three brothers of my grandfather who located in Tuscararas Co., Ohio, but I have the records only of Jacob and John. Reuben's, I was unable to get, and the records of the descendants of John's son Rheuben must not be confused with John's brother Reuben.

Rheuben Walter, son of John Walter, who was a brother of my grandfather, Christian Walter, and a full cousin to Captain John Walter, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 26, 1817, and was united in marriage to May Ann Wade April 9, 1840. His wife was born Jan. 19, 1822. They had eight children, of whom but five have I been able to get the names, and but two of these five, the family records, namely, Franklin Walter and Albert Walter. The names of the other three are Artlica Walter, Harvey Walter, and George Walter. Rheuben was a farmer, and while we do not have the date of the death of him or his faithful wife, we do know that they lived to a ripe old age. I have neither the dates of birth or death of Artlica or George. Harvey was born July 22, 1860.

Franklin Walter was born Feb. 22, 1844, and was married to Susan Winkplech, Jan. 8, 1863. His wife was born April 10, 1841. His occupation was farming. There were four children born to them as follows: Austin Walter,



Cara Walter, William Edward Walter and Nella Grace Walter, all of whom were living at the time their record was given me several years ago. Franklin Walter died Mar. 19, 1917, and his wife Susan died Oct. 5, 1915, both being interred at Shanesville, Tuscararas Co., Ohio, in the family mausoleum.

Austin Walter was born Oct. 10, 1863 and was married to Alice Johnson, Feb. 26, 1889. She was born Feb. 17, 1866. As a result of this union three children were born, Ray J. Walter, Roy E. Walter and Eda V. Walter. Ray and Roy are a salesman and shop worker respectively. Austin Walter's address is Canton, Ohio, and his occupation is farming. His daughter Eda V. was born October 31, 1897 and was married to Ralph C. Smith, Dec. 24, 1915. Her husband was born April 12, 1894, and his occupation is an auditor. They have two children, Robert Smith and Donald, born Feb. 9, 1917, and Mar. 5, 1919 respectively. The address of Ralph C. Smith is Erie, Penn.

Cara Walter, daughter of Franklin Walter, was born Mar. 13, 1866 and was married to Joseph Schworm June 7, 1887. Her husband was born Sept. 13, 1861, and his occupation is farming, near Dundee, Ohio. There were born unto them two children, Walter Martin Schworm, and Edward Franklin Schworm. The former was born Feb. 1, 1888, and was united in marriage to Linda L. Liman May 24, 1910. He is a farmer, as is his brother. Walter Martin's two children are, Edith Loretta Schworm and Walter Iven Schworm, born Mar. 25, 1911 and Feb. 5, 1916 respectively. He lives in Wessen City, Mich. Edward Franklin Schworm was born Oct. 14, 1889 and was unmarried at the time the record was given me.

William Edward Walter, son of Franklin Walter, was born June 10, 1875 and was married to Minnie Baker, Dec. 27, 1896. His wife was born Mar. 6, 1874. To this union were born a daughter and a son; Ethel Estella and Asa Clayton, born May 30, 1898 and Nov. 1, 1914 respectively. The former was married to Archie Adolph Brugger July 5, 1918. He was born Aug. 9, 1893 and is a mechanic living

in Dundee, O. They have one son reported at the time this record was given, Wade Walter Brugger, born Feb. 28, 1919. William Edward Walter's address is Dundee, O., where he farms.

As regards Nella Grace Walter, I have no information, as there was no record given me.

The other member of Reuben Walter's family, his son Albert, and brother to Franklin was born July 27, 1857 and was married to May L. Stockdale Jan. 9, 1879. She was born August 25, 1857. Their children are as follows: Charles Wilson Walter, Homer Ray Walter and Melva Mary Walter. Albert Walter's occupation is given as farmer near Sugar Creek, Tuscararas Co., Ohio, and he was still living as was his wife at the time the information was given, which was several years ago.

Charles Wilson Walter, first son of Albert Walter was born October 15, 1880, and was married to Mamie Andress May 21, 1905. She was a dressmaker by trade and her husband a motorman. They have two children that were born to them given as follows: Delmer Andress Walter and Allene Walter, born Dec. 9, 1908 and Sept. 29, 1913 respectively. Their address is Canton, Ohio.

Homer R. Walter, was born Feb. 8, 1883 and was married to Hazel Benfor, born March 1884. Their four children are: Ruth Olive Walter, born May 22, 1903; Morris Benfor Walter, born April 11, 1909; Ethel Walter, born April 29, 1914; and Betty Ann Lang Walter born April 17, 1917. Homer Walter's address is Dover, Ohio, where he is engaged in the meat and grocery business.

Melva Mary Walter, born June 26, 1887, married Roy Bainter, June 9, 1910. His occupation is given as being a miller and he lives in Sugar Creek, Ohio. To this couple there was born one child, Atlee Walter Bainter on May 4, 1911. His wife died at Sugar Creek and was buried there, but no record as to the date was given me.

The family record of Ray Johnson Walter, a great-





great-grandson of John Walter was mailed to me, but there appeared no indication as to what was his lineal descent, whether through Franklin, Harvey, George, or Albert Walter the sons of Rheuben and grandsons of John Walter, and hence either one of which could be the grandfather of Ray Johnson Walter.

## CHAPTER II

### MARIA MAGDALENA KEISTER—HERMAN DESCENDENTS. ELIZABETH KEISTER-HERMAN DESCENDENTS. EVA KEISTER-CLAPPER DESCENDENTS

**I**N continuing the genealogy of the descendants of Lewis Keister, there are three daughters, Maria Magdalena, Elizabeth and Eva, all sisters of my grandmother, Margaretha Keister Walter wife of Christian Walter, that the descendants of whom will be given in order named.

Maria Magdalena Keister, born Nov. 29, 1791 was married to Conrad Herman, who was born May 8, 1791. Their children are: Catherine, George, John, Margarei, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Jacob; and their respective families and descendants will be given in succession insofar as the information has been furnished the writer.

Catherine Herman married Jacob Lower, who was born in 1809 and died in 1862, and to this union there were born the following children: John Lower, Mary Ann, Clarissa C., Margaret L., Melissa Eve, S. F. Lower, Susan Lee, an infant that died at birth in 1883, and a daughter whose name was not furnished, that married Jacob Boyer. From the last mentioned union a daughter, Effie was born Oct. 28, 1868, and she was united in marriage, in due time, to Harry Miller, Jan. 11, 1911. Mr. Miller was born Mar. 28, 1863. He was manager for the Clinton Elevator Co., Clinton, O., at which place Jacob Boyer resides.

John Lower was born Oct. 15, 1837 and became married to Catherine Shelt, June 5, 1873. Catherine was born Oct. 26, 1847. By this union the following children were born: Orrin Edward, May 4, 1875; Grace Irene, Jan. 5, 1873; Russel Warren, Apr. 19, 1881; Arthur Clarence, July 25, 1883. Russell W. Lower died May 5, 1883 and buried in the Lower cemetery, Wayne Co., O.

Grace Irene Lower on Sept. 16, 1902 married James M. Jackson, and to this union were born two children: Glen



Norris born June 14, 1905 and Fern Evelyn. The latter passed away and was buried in Newman Creek cemetery, Stark county, Ohio. Mr. Jackson is a truck gardener and lives near Bowdil, Ohio.

Arthur Clarence Lower on Dec. 24, 1914, married Blanche Evans, born Nov. 7, 1892 and passed away May 31, 1916, being interred in the East Greenville cemetery, East Greenville, Stark county, O. Clifford Kenneth Lower, a son was born May 21, 1916. Arthur Lower was a school teacher as well as a farmer, having taught several years in the public schools.

Mary Ann Lower, second child of Jacob Lower and Catherine Herman Lower, born Sept. 5, 1835 was married to Henry Kisner, on July 3, 1856. He was born Mar. 12, 1832 and his occupation was farming. To this union were born the following children: Floretta Melissa, Clarissa E., John Jacob, Joseph William, Nettie May, Alpha Omega, Oliver F. and Edson C. Kisner. Henry Kisner died June 18, 1916 and his wife, Mary Ann, passed away Feb. 1, 1932.

Floretta M. Kisner was married to R. B. Fetter of Warwick, O.

Clarissa E. Kisner, born, Jan. 31, 1859, was married to Henry Shelt, Feb. 11, 1886. Mr. Shelt was born June 19, 1858; his occupation was farming near Bowdil, Ohio. To this union there were born the following children: Cora Mae Shelt, Wayne Harrison, Ellmore John, Mary Elizabeth, Howard Boyd, Forest Henry, Clarissa Fay and Alma Geraldine.

Cora Mae Shelt, born Dec. 17, 1886, was married to Proctor Cunningham, born Mar. 3, 1885, on Jan. 16, 1908. The latter is a stationary engineer and lives at Bowdil, O. The following children were born to this couple: Lela Earl, July 6, 1909; became a bookkeeper; Mae Alice, July 14, 1911; Emma Johannah Clarissa, Apr. 22, 1914; Alan Henry, June 20, 1917; Nettie Mae, Jan. 15, 1922.

Wayne Harrison Shelt, born Feb. 3, 1889, married Sarah Ellen Smith, born May 14, 1893, on Dec. 29, 1911. Wayne

is a carpenter and his wife had been a school teacher before marriage. They were blessed with the following children; Helen Icie, born June 5, 1912; Blanche Dolores, Apr. 7, 1914; Dawn Ellen, July 2, 1915. They lived at Canton, O.

Ellmore John Shelt, born Nov. 24, 1890, was married to Dorothy Myrtle Lee, born Dec. 20, 1900, on July 30, 1919. Ellmore is a locomotive engineer and lived at Orrville, O. They have three children: Beulah Juanita born June 3, 1920; Irene Fay, Mar. 3, 1923; and Betty June, Jan. 3, 1925.

Mary Elizabeth Shelt, born Oct. 4, 1893, married Frank X. Stehle, born Jan. 3, 1886, on Sept. 9, 1927. He was a plumber and steamfitter. One child was born to them: Francis Junior Stehle, Jan. 7, 1929. Frank X. Stehle passed away Jan. 21, 1930 and was interred in Oakwood cemetery, Cuyahoga, O.

Howard Boyd Shelt, born Dec. 18, 1895, married Beldella Gainey, born May 29, 1902, on July 18, 1925. Miss Gainey was a music teacher before her marriage, and a pianist at the Newman Baptist church for ten years. An infant son was born to them, dying at birth, July 25, 1926. Howard entered the service of the United States Army from Wooster, O. on Apr. 30, 1918 at Camp Sherman, O. and landed in La Harve, France on June 6, 1918, via Camp Merritt, the H. M. S. "Khyber," Liverpool, England and the English Channel. Howard saw active service near Chateau Thierry, Aisne River and the Meuse Argonne, where he was severely wounded Oct. 4, 1918, near Couisy. He was invalided home on the U. S. S. "Henderson," leaving Brest, France, Dec. 22, 1918, and arriving at Camp Sherman Base Hospital Jan. 18, 1919. He received his discharge Apr. 23, 1919 from the Convalescent Hospital. He is employed at present as a steel worker and his address is Massillon, O.

Forest Henry Shelt, born May 10, 1898, married Pauline Jeanette Evans, born July 4, 1897, on Feb. 28, 1925. He is a locomotive fireman. Two children were born to them: Larry Gene, Jan. 6, 1926 and Sara Evans, June 22, 1927.

Fay Shelt, born Feb. 5, 1901 was married to Eldon E. Miller, born Mar. 10, 1901, on Sept. 15, 1926. He is em-





ployed as an automobile mechanic and lives at Meyers Lake, Canton, O.

John Jacob Kisner, third child of Henry Kisner and Mary Ann Lower Kisner (a daughter of Jacob Lower and Catherine Herman Lower), was born Sept. 2, 1861. He married Idella Harsh, born Oct. 23, 1862, on Mar. 26, 1885. He was a farmer. The following children were born to this union: Emerson Lloyd, Jan. 4, 1886; Keith Leona, Dec. 26, 1887; Arta Altona, Dec. 26, 1887 and passed away Aug. 16, 1888; Hazel Pearl, Oct. 26, 1888, and died Jan. 31, 1891, both being buried in the Lower cemetery, Wayne Co., O.; and Oakley Allen Kisner born Jan. 13, 1892. John Jacob Kisner lives near Dalton, O.

Only one other child of Henry Kisner and Mary Ann Kisner remains, that I have any information concerning, except their birth dates, and that is Alpha Omega Kisner, who married Warren Hardgrove, however I have not the date. Alpha Omega Kisner Hardgrove was born Aug. 22, 1873. Joseph William Kisner was born Feb. 13, 1864; Nettie May, Aug. 16, 1866; Oliver Franklin, Sept. 3, 1876; and Edson Curtis Kisner, July 11, 1879. Thus ends the records of the descendants, of whom the writer has any information, of Henry Kisner and his wife Mary Ann Lower Kisner.

Clarissa C. Lower, third child of Katherine Herman and Jacob Lower, born April 4, 1846, married Solomon F. Garman, who was born Dec. 13, 1852, on March 7, 1872. His occupation was farming and his address was Everett, O. Three children were born to them: Jessie Maud, born Jan. 20, 1873; Melvin Ross, born Jan. 14, 1876; and John William born November, 1878.

Margaret Lorina Lower, fourth child of Jacob Lower, was born May 26, 1849. She was united in marriage to George Howard Allen Mower, Nov. 1, 1870. He was a contractor and builder, and lived in Spring Hill, Kansas. The following are their children: Isa Valce, who married Mr. McVey a farmer of Spring Hill, where they live; Eva May, who married a Mr. Tibbetts, pipeline contractor, and lives at Spring Hill; Elsie Raona, who married a Mr. Duffield, a

carpenter, of Kansas City, Kansas, where he resides; George Mower, Jr. a metal worker and coppersmith, lives in Kansas City, Mo. Forest and Raymond Mower were living at Spring Hill, Kans. One daughter, Cora Mower passed away February 13, 1886.

Melissa Eve Lower, another daughter of Jacob Lower, was born April 19, 1853 and was married to William Peter Anderson, born Jan. 19, 1844, on Sept. 16, 1873. He was a farmer and lived near Marshalville, Wayne Co. O. and was a Civil War Veteran. There were two children born to them: Elgie Nora and Omar Clayton Anderson. Elgie N. born Jan. 6, 1870 married Melvin C. Ault, and four children were born to them: Velma Edith, who married Fred Greiser; Carrie M.; Zorah L.; and Corle May Ault. Omar Clayton Anderson, born Apr. 9, 1877 first married Mrs. Mary D. Rexford nee Holcomb, who passed away. His second marriage was to Laura Rosamond Eckman from whom he was later divorced. There were no children by either union. William Peter Anderson died May 27, 1915 at Marshalville, O. and was interred in the Lower cemetery, Wayne Co., O.

S. F. Lower, sixth child of Jacob Lower, lived in Marshalville, O., and had a son Harman Lower who was born July 4, 1886. The latter was married to Rosa Martel, born Oct. 21, 1889, on Dec. 26, 1911. The following children were born: Lloyd Woodrow, Nov. 5, 1912, died Nov. 6, 1912; Cora Bell, Apr. 4, 1914; Oleta Helen, Sept. 14, 1915; Leota Ellen, Sept. 14, 1915, and died Sept. 25, 1915; Nola Alice, April. 28, 1919, died May 4, 1919. The three deceased children are buried in the cemetery at Easton, Wayne Co., O.

This exhausts the information that I have of the descendants of Catherine Herman Lower and her husband Jacob Lower. We will take up Catherine's sister, Margaret Herman, and her descendants.

Margaret, fourth child of Maria Keister and Conrad Herman, was born Jan. 24, 1826 and died May 28, 1893.



She was married to John D. Garman, who was born Jan. 15, 1820 and died Jan. 27, 1897.

The following children were born to them: John E. Garman, born Aug. 25, 1846; Mary C. Garman, born June 29, 1847, married Peter G. Shaffer and died in 1913 at Cleveland, O.; Sarah Garman born Dec. 31, 1848 and died July 21, 1849; Solomon Garman born Dec. 13, 1850, married Clarissa C. Lower (third child of Catherina Herman and Jacob Lower, already mentioned), whose descendants have been listed in that lineage; Jacob Garman born Dec. 18, 1851 and died Dec. 12, 1864; Anna Garman born Dec. 17, 1854, and married Sam'l Marker; Daniel Garman born Nov. 17, 1857 and died Jan. 9, 1861; Charles E. Garman born Sept. 15, 1863 and died at Cleveland, O. Dec. 24, 1920; Susan Garman born June 3, 1859 and died Aug. 7, 1859; Benjamin Garman born Feb. 9, 1855 and died Sept. 4, 1855; Willas born July 17, 1862 and died Aug. 16, 1862; four infants whose births and deaths are as follows: Aug. 13, 1846—Aug. 13, 1846; July 20, 1850—Aug. 15, 1850; Apr. 3, 1861—Apr. 3, 1861; May 23, 1867—May 23, 1867. Of these, there are two, George Garman and William Garman, of which the writer has a fairly good record of their descendants.

George W. Garman, born June 29, 1853, married Mary W. Farrer, born Feb. 18, 1858, on Jan. 18, 1877, and from that union were born the following children: Eli E. Garman, June 16, 1878, a farmer near Marshalville, who married Mary Burg, and have two children, Clarence and Henry Garman; John W. Garman, June 30, 1880 a farmer near Barberton, O., married Miss Cashansizer and had the following children: Delpha, Helen, Miney, George, Millo and Carol; Jacob A. Garman, born Oct. 17, 1883, a laborer, and living in Warwick, O. married Julia Williapy, resulting in four children, Margaret, Vonna, Jacob and Nelson; Etta M. Garman, born Mar. 4, 1885, married Michael Burg, engaged in the cafe business at Warwick, and had three children: Marcella, Luescal and Emmet, who is buried in Doylestown, O.; Mary M. Garman, born Jan. 10, 1891, of Canton, O.; Nellie G. Garman, born May 22, 1893, married Joseph Bluebaugh, and had two children Lavern and Ed-

ward. An infant son of George W. Garman died at birth, Sept. 17, 1891.

William F. Garman, born Sept. 27, 1865, was united in marriage to Minnie M. Strohl. The latter was a daughter of Andrew J. Strol and Elizabeth Baughman Strohl. Elizabeth Baughman Strohl is a daughter of Margaret Clapper, who in turn is a daughter of Eva Keister. Or in other words, a granddaughter of Eva Keister Clapper, who was a sister of Maria Magdalena Keister Clapper.

This completes the descendants of Conrad Herman, so far as the writer has been able to investigate and obtain records, together with Conrad's wife Magdalena Keister Herman. Conrad Herman passed away May 8, 1855 aged 64 years. His faithful wife, Maria Magdalena Keister Herman departed this life Oct. 11, 1883 at the ripe old age of ninety one years, ten months and twelve days. They are both buried side by side in the beautiful Newman's Creek cemetery, near Bowdil, Ohio, (used to be called North Lawrence) Lawrence township, Stark county, Ohio.

We will next write of Maria Magdalena's sister, Elizabeth Keister, and her descendants.

Elizabeth Keister, sister to Mary Magdalena Keister Herman, (married Conrad Herman) was born in 1795. She was married to George Herman, born 1834, died 1908, and from that union the following children were born: Sarah, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Jacob, Daniel, George, Susan, Polly and Samuel.

Sarah married Philip Rice, on the 7th of Oct. 1832. They were blessed with five children: John born Aug. 15, 1833; Elizabeth born in 1838, George Barnhart born Nov. 4, 1839; Daniel born Mar. 9, 1850. They are all buried, having passed away, at Medina, Ohio in East Home Cemetery, except John, who lies buried in Wood Lawn.

Daniel Rice was married to Emma Celestia Rebman, Nov. 24, 1878, and to the union was born two children, Allen Philip Rice and Arthur Jacob Rice, born Nov. 27, 1881 and Jan. 25, 1886, respectively. They are living, or were, at Spencer, Ohio, and engaged in farming.



Allen Phillip Rice married Maybel Long, who was born in 1888, September 23. They have reported one child, Hazel Virginia Rice, born Oct. 6, 1914. Arthur J. Rice became wedded to Leona V. Briggs, born Sept. 7, 1890. One child, Evelyn Althea Rice was the result of this union, born Oct. 14, 1911. Allen Phillip Rice has been manager for a nineteen-thousand acre farm in Cuba, and both fellows have been interested in mining properties.

Catherine Herman, second daughter of Elizabeth Keister and George Herman, was united in marriage to John Feeman on May 31, 1838. They had five children as follows: Levi, born Oct 18, 1840; Elizabeth, July 11, 1843; William E. born Oct. 9, 1846; Sarah, July 31, 1849; and Mary E. born Feb. 24, 1852.

Elizabeth Feeman married George Clark and resides in Kansas City, Mo. They have three children, Albert E., Mabel and William.

Levi Feeman, was a member of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died from wounds received during the civil war during the operations of the Union Army at Jacksonville, Miss., July 12, 1862. Mary Feeman married a man by the name of Schwartz but I have no further information, sorry to state. William E. Feeman married Carrie V. Kramer, on June 25, 1880, and to them was born one son, John H. Feeman, who graduated from Ohio State University and was Technical Director for the Grossilli Chemical C., Cleveland, Ohio. He was married to Estella Van Horn of Cadmen, N. J. They have three children. His father William E. Feeman, graduated from the College of Wooster at Wooster, Ohio and also the Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass. in 1878. He followed the ministry for thirty years in the Baptist Church; served in the Civil War; and was at one time Mayor of Wooster. He still resides at Wooster, or did when I last heard from him.

The third daughter of George Herman and Elizabeth Keister Herman, Elizabeth, was married to David Bechtel on March 28, 1837. David Bechtel was born Dec. 26, 1809 and

he was a successful farmer. To their union was born four children as follows: Mary Jane, born March 25, 1838; Sarah Ann, May 6, 1840; Emma Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1851; and Melissa Ellen, Jan. 18, 1857. All except the last named married farmers. Melissa's husband was an electrician.

Emma Elizabeth married Phillip T. Rhoads, born Nov. 30, 1848. To them were born the following children: Cora Alice, born Aug. 11, 1872 and was married to J. Gusenhouser; Myrta Sevilla, born Mar. 5, 1878 and was wedded to Jacob Ginder; Scott H. born Jan. 22, 1880 became united in marriage to Ethel Love; Sarah Isabel married Clarence Keller, she was born Oct. 6, 1881; and Boyd married Myrtle Fales. Boyd was born Aug. 10, 1884. He is a carpenter by trade. Emma E. Rhoads address was Butler, Ind. Route No. 5, where they are engaged in farming.

Jacob Gunsenhouer was born Feb. 14, 1870 and was married to Cora Alice Rhoads on the 25th day of March, 1896. They are farmers. One daughter they reported, Irene Margaret, born July 24, 1908. Jacob L. Ginder, a farmer, was born Jan. 26, 1877 and was married to Myrta S. Rhoads Jan. 31, 1900. Three children were born to them: Lyla Helen, Dec. 25, 1900; Ruth Uma, Oct. 8, 1902; and Geraldine Iris, born Dec. 2, 1905. The latter died July 17, 1910 and was interred at Mt. Pleasant cemetery in De Kalb County Indiana. Clarence Charley Keller born April 2, 1879 was married to Sarah L. Rhoads on Oct. 16, 1902, and to the union were born, Norman Kennett, April 12, 1907; Ralph Wayne, July 12, 1909; and Gilbert Ward July 21, 1911. They live at Auburn, Ind. on Route 1, or did. The others live near Butler Ind. As can be noticed from the addresses they are farmers living on rural routes. Melissa Ellen, who had received training as a dressmaker was married Oct. 6, 1874 to Frank N. Leight, born Jan. 19, 1856. To them were born the following children: David Walter, Mar. 9, 1876; Mabel Lillian, July 24, 1877; Bertha, Nov. 3, 1879; Inez Isabell, May 17, 1883; Minnie, Nov. 19, 1886; and Laura Verona, July 19, 1889. Two were claimed by death and rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Plymouth, Richland Co.,





Ohio. They are Minnie and Bertha. The last I heard from Melissa Ellen, they were located at Galeburg, Ill. Route 2. David Walter, her son became united in marriage to Mabel Etta Wick, who was born Jan. 31, 1876, on the 25th day of Oct. 1900. His wife was a stenographer prior to their marriage. David had become a steam shovel engineer. No children were reported to the writer. Their address given to me some time ago was Burlington, Iowa, 601 Vine St.

Margaret, the next daughter of Elizabeth Keister Herman and George Herman, was born in 1828 and was married to James Woods on March 10, 1859. They lived near Sheldon, Ind. She died on Sept. 23, 1912, at the ripe age of 84 years.

George Herman, a son of Elizabeth Keister and George Herman, Sr. became married to Julian Arnold, born in 1826, sometime during the year 1852, and there were born to this couple, the following children: Isaac Herman, Nov. 23, 1853; Samuel Herman, Mar. 17, 1856; Ellen Jane Herman, June 17, 1860; George Thomas, Feb. 15, 1863; Sarah Ann, Apr. 17, 1866; and an infant that died in 1861. Isaac died and was buried in the Munson Cemetery in Medina Co., Ohio, in 1861, as was also the infant. George Herman was a good farmer, living on a rural route out of Lodi, Ohio. His beloved wife passed away in 1890, and he survived her until Feb. 20, 1918. They are both interred in the Challam Cemetery in Medina County, Ohio.

Samuel Currens Herman was married to Ida Elvena Garberich, born June 21, 1867, on the first day of May, 1887. They are farmers, although Samuel Currens has exceptional mechanical ability. He has made a small box the dimensions of which are 5X10X15 inches containing over 500 pieces of wood from four different varieties. The ends, sides and top of the box are all veneered with the five hundred pieces. Truly, quite an accomplishment. He has reported one boy to the writer, Perry William Herman, born Mar. 9, 1893, who is the foreman in a box factory at Ritner, O., or was at the time. Samuel Currens lives near Spencer, O., on Route 3. Perry William Herman married Flossie Aileen

Siders, born May 29, 1897, on the 15th day of January 1915. To this union were born three children, as follows; Dorothy Marie, May 17, 1916; Ester May, Nov. 24, 1917; Ray Allen, Nov. 10, 1919. Perry has been engaged in farming, living near Spencer, Ohio.

Susan Herman, married Abraham Hummer. Outside of that I have no information in the way of dates, except that the following children were born to them: William Hummer; Mary E.; Emma J.; Sarah A.; and Anna Alice.

William Hummer was a bricklayer by trade, and was born Aug. 18, 1844. He was married to Lovina Kope on the 24th day of April 1865. Lovina was born June 1, 1843. The following children were born to them: Annie Alice born Feb. 16, 1869; and was working in a box factory; Daniel Harrison, born Oct. 5, 1871, and worked as a brick layer; Claire Etta, born Dec. 9, 1873, a dressmaker by trade; Susan Christina, born Dec. 9, 1879, and Winnie Viola, born Sept. 16, 1882. Of these, there were two that had passed away when the report was made to the writer, Daniel Harrison Hummer, Feb. 14, 1901, and the father William Hummer, Sept. 6, 1919; both being interred in the Wooster cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio. Mr. Hummer's address was Wooster, Ohio, where he lived for years.

Susan Christine Hummer married Harry W. Crow, born April 19, 1874, on the 31st day of March, 1898, and to them were born a daughter, Ethel B. Crow, born Dec. 11, 1898, and who is married, now, to J. E. Lynch of Orrville, Ohio. Harry W. Crow is a bricklayer by trade, as is Mr. Lynch. A daughter was born to the Lynchs but passed away in infancy, and lies in Crown Hill cemetery, Orrville, Ohio. Mr. Lynch was born March 17, 1884, and was married Sept. 30, 1919. Minnie Viola Hummer, married Merrill Ladrew Winger, born March 20, 1877, on the first day of Sept., 1907. He is a dentist, and resided at Wooster, Ohio. There were seven children born unto them as follows: Thelma Lucile, born April 16, 1908; Ruth Naomi, born April 9, 1910; Mary Ellen, born Jan. 21, 1912; John William, born Sept. 13, 1913; Clyde Paul, Nov. 10, 1915; Ross Hum-



mer, July 10, 1918; Lois Eileen, Sept. 6, 1919. Of these one passed away and lies buried in the Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co. Ohio. Merrill Ladrew Winger graduated from Barkleyville Academy, and Findley College, Western Reserve Dental College. He was left fatherless at the age of ten years and had to work for his own living and education. A very commendable spirit, and no doubt one that will be reflected in the children of his family, the writer trusts.

Mary E. Hummer was married to Ezra Beane, born in 1841, on the 23rd day of October, 1866. She was a daughter of Susan Herman and Abraham Hummer, and sister to William Hummer, whose descendents the writer has just finished writing of in the previous paragraphs. Mary E. was a seamstress. Ezra Beane was a farmer. There was born to them a daughter, Nettie M. Beane, Sept. 5, 1868. The daughter Nettie was married to Harvey L. Allen, a painter, on the 15th of March, 1892, and as a result of the union the following children were born: Eugene, June 7, 1894; Marie, Nov. 13, 1895; Herald C., Mar. 28, 1898. Mr. Allen was born Dec. 6, 1865. Of the three children, two have passed away and are buried in the Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio. Nettie M. Allen departed this life May 25, 1899 and is also buried at the same place. Marie L. Allen still resided at Wooster, Ohio, at the time the writer received the information.

Emma J. Hummer, another daughter of Susan Herman and Abraham Hummer, was married to James H. Allen, born Sept. 29, 1851, on the sixteenth day of August, 1877, and to them were born the following children: Leroy Allen, born Dec. 6, 1878; Ada, born Sept. 25, 1880; Myrtle, born Dec. 25, 1881; Bessie, born June 1, 1884; Alice, born Dec. 17, 1885; Harvey, born Nov. 10, 1887; Edna, born Apr. 17, 1889; Glenn G., born Mar. 29, 1891. Of these, two are now passed away, at the time of the report, and are buried in the Wooster Cemetery, at Wooster, Ohio. They are Alice who died Jan. 8, 1888, and Harvey on July 27, 1888.

Leroy Allen was married on August 19, 1914, to Ethel

Boyd born in December, 1868. He was a Presbyterian minister for fourteen years before teaching in Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio. He holds the Harper chair of Political Economy and Sociology, and in addition serves as pastor for the Second United Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has one daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, born Feb. 29, 1916.

Ada Allen was married to Chaney Clyde Clow, born May 24, 1883, on the 20th day of August, 1913. He was a street car motorman, and his wife was head of the English Teaching Department at the Hartford City High School, Hartford City, Ind. at the time of their marriage. Mr. Clow passed away on May 19, 1915, and was buried in Danville, O. Knox County.

Bessie Pearl Allen became married to Roy McPherson, born June 1, 1884, on the 27th day of June, 1906.

Glenn G. Allen was united in marriage to Pearl Peterman, born Mar. 29, 1896, in July 1914, and there was born to them one child, George Ralph, Nov. 17, 1915. The mother passed away during Sept. 1916, and was buried in the Rochester Cemetery at Rochester, Penn. Mr. Allen was a railroad brakeman, and he still lives in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Nellie Jane Allen became married to Logan Abner Waits, born Sept. 24, 1889, on the 5th of May, 1917. He is a teacher.

Sarah Hummer, daughter of Susan Herman and Abraham Hummer, was married to Daniel W. Derr, born Dec. 24, 1853, on the 26th day of April 1880. To their union were born the following children: William C. Derr, Feb. 13, 1881; Daisy M. Derr, May 2, 1883; Frank H. Derr, July 31, 1884; Lola F. Derr, Mar. 5, 1885; Ira O., Apr. 25, 1886; Irvin E., Nov. 13, 1888; Hazel E., Dec. 18, 1892. Of these, at the time of the report, two were already passed away, Irvin on Oct. 11, 1909, and Ira, on May 21, 1915, and were both buried in Oak Hill cemetery at Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Daniel W. Derr was employed as a letter carrier.

William C. Derr was married to Cora Dell Rowland,





born Aug. 22, 1880, on the 27th day of January, 1904. Before marriage his wife was employed as a dressmaker. Mr. Derr has been in the service as a rural mail carrier for many years.

Hazel H. Derr was married to Harry Bell, born Aug. 26, 1893, on the 17th day of September, 1912. He has been employed as a plumber and also a printer. They have had two children, Darylene, born Sept. 18, 1913, and Dorothy Mae, born June 3, 1917. Darylene died on Mar. 5, 1914, and was buried in the Wooster cemetery, Wayne county.

Anna Alice Hummer, daughter of Susan Herman and Abraham Hummer, was married to Chas. J. Barnhart, born July 14, 1866, on the 6th day of March, 1890. There were born to them the following children: Harry J., Sept. 19, 1890; Frank H., Mar. 31, 1892; and Pearl Mae, Jan. 21, 1894. Mr. Barnhart was a paperhanger and painter by trade, and lived in the Wooster, Ohio.

Harry J. Barnhart was married to Rilla J. Metcalf, born Apr. 7, 1897, on the 17th day of December, 1916. There were born to them two children, Catherine Louise, Dec. 27, 1917, and Josephine Allene, Dec. 23, 1919. Mr. Barnhart was an athletic coach, and lived at Ashland, Ohio. He was a graduate of Wooster High School and Findley College, as well as Western Reserve Law school. He also did social work in Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank H. Barnhart was married to F. Mable Dennis, Feb. 18, 1914, and was a machinist by trade. His wife was born September 23, 1892. He was a graduate of Wooster High School and spent two years at Findley College. He was the father of two children at the time the writer received the information from him, they are: Lynette Elaine, born Mar. 15, 1915 and Frank Jr., born June 21, 1916.

These are all the members of the various families that the writer has any information concerning, as lineal descendants of Elizabeth Keister and George Herman. No doubt there are others but the writer has them not in his possession. There is one more sister of Maria Magdalena

Keister Herman, who was married, you recall, to Conrad Herman, and that is Eva Keister, whose descendants will be taken up in the succeeding paragraphs.

Eva Keister, youngest sister of Margaretha Keister Walter, and Magdalena Keister Herman, was born July 2, 1798, and was united in marriage to Jacob Clapper, born during 1790, on the 28th of September, 1813. They engaged in farming in Wayne county, Ohio. The following children were born to them: Samuel Clapper, Sept. 2, 1814; Leois Clapper, Jan 12, 1816; John Clapper, Dec. 7, 1817; Catherine Clapper, July 6, 1819; Harman Clapper, Feb. 13, 1821; William Clapper, May 20, 1824; Jacob Clapper, Sept. 12, 1826; Elizabeth Clapper, Feb. 1, 1825; Hiram Clapper, Feb. 28, 1830; Eva Clapper, April 7, 1832; Julia Anne Clapper, Apr. 3, 1834; and Solomon Clapper, Dec. 28, 1838. Jacob Clapper passed away during the year 1865 and his beloved wife survived him but two years, following him in 1867.

The writer has not the date nor the person's name to whom Samuel Clapper, first child of Jacob, was married, except that her name was Sarah Clapper, born in the year 1819 and died in 1895. Samuel Clapper, her husband passed away in the year 1887. The following children were born to them: Joseph B. Clapper, 1848, died June 30, 1918, and was a carpenter; Jacob W. Clapper, born Sept., 1856 died Nov. 16, 1910, and was a farmer; Lavina Clapper born Apr. 1850, died in the year 1852; John O. Clapper, born Feb. 15, 1846.

John O. Clapper, on Mar. 3, 1874, married Mary Jane Cunningham, born Nov. 13, 1845. Mr. Clapper engaged in farming. One child was born to them: Perry Franklin Clapper, July 28, 1877.

Perry F. Clapper married Mary Belle Rumbaugh, born Mar. 3, 1876. Perry was an engineer, and his address was 416 Hall St., Orrville, Ohio. They had one child born into their family: Russell Merle Clapper, Sept. 16, 1899, who is a banker.

Margaret Clapper, seventh child of Eva Keister Clapper and Jacob Clapper, was born in 1824. She was united in



marriage to Jacob Baughman, in her first marriage, and there were two children born, as follows: Elizabeth and Mary Baughman.

Mary Baughman married Abraham Hershey, which union resulted in the birth of two children, John C. Hershey and Jessie Hershey. Jessie Hershey became married to Frank Rothrock.

Elizabeth Baughman by her first marriage to Jacob Hershey, a brother of the above mentioned Abraham, had two children, Hiram and Ira Hershey.

Ira Hershey married Effie Randall, and that union resulted in the birth of a daughter, Cora Hershey, who became married to Rolland Caldwell.

By her second marriage, Elizabeth Baughman, when she married Andrew J. Strohl, the following children were born: Lizzie B., in 1870; Minnie M., in 1867; John H. born in 1872, died 1879; Louis W., born 1874, died in 1899; C. Edward born 1876; Theodore E., born 1878; Walter L., born 1881; and Arthur W., born 1883.

Minnie M. Strohl became united in marriage to William F. Garman, a grandson of Maria Magdalena Keister Herman, who was herself a sister of Eva Keister Clapper, grandmother of Minnie M. Strohl.

Margaret Clapper's second marriage, in 1846, to John Hauser, resulted in no succeeding issue, so far as the writer could ascertain. However, I was informed that there was a Priscilla Hauser, born July 19, 1878, but could secure no verification of the statement. If Priscilla was a daughter of Margaret and John Hauser, it must be noted that she was born twenty-two years after Margaret's second marriage.

Hiram Clapper, tenth child of Jacob Clapper and Eva Keister Clapper, on Aug. 10, 1858 was united in marriage to Catherine Petit, born Nov. 27, 1839. They engaged in farming near North Lawrence (now Bowdl), Stark county,

Ohio. The following are their children: Benjamin Clapper, born July 10, 1895; Theodore L., Oct. 5, 1859; Alfred E., Dec. 24, 1863; Mary S., Sept. 15, 1869; Martha L., Sept. 15, 1869. Hiram Clapper passed away June 14, 1898 and rests in Newmans Creek cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio.

Benjamin Clapper on October 8, 1885 became united in marriage to Jeannette Ross Pollock, born Sept. 29, 1862. Mr. Clapper was engaged in the operation of a planing mill. To their family were born the following children: Ira McKinley Clapper, Nov. 7, 1886; Carrie Idella, July 8, 1898, who became a bookkeeper; Cora Marie, Feb. 14, 1890; Benjamin Franklin, Mar. 11, 1900, who became an accountant; Robert Alfred, Nov. 24, 1905. Robert Alfred Clapper died Sept. 30, 1906 and was buried at Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio. Benjamin Clapper passed away June 14, 1914 and interred in the Dalton cemetery.

Ira McKinley Clapper, first child of Benjamin F. Clapper, on June 20, 1911 became united in marriage to Mattie Muir, born Feb. 10, 1887. Mr. Clapper was foreman of a coal and lumber company, and lived at Detroit, Mich., 1608 McClellan Ave. One child, Ira Muir Clapper, was born to the family, May 26, 1913.

Cora Marie Clapper on Nov. 27, 1913 became married to William Walter Erwin, born Aug. 12, 1886. They engaged in farming near Bowdil, Wayne county, Ohio. Two children were born to the family: William Richard, June 23, 1915 and Helen Marie, May 31, 1919.

Theodore L. Clapper, on Dec. 22, 1887 married Olive F. Goodheart, born July 24, 1861. Their occupation was farming and their address was Bowdil, Ohio. Two children were born to them: Oral Owen, Oct. 23, 1888, and Walter Glen, Apr. 5, 1897.

Oral Owen Clapper, on Oct. 23, 1913 became married to Anna Butzer, born June 20, 1891. Oral Owen is a stationary engineer, lived at Canal Fulton, Stark Co., O. Two children were born into the family: Irene Fay, Apr. 11, 1915; and Dorothy May, Sept. 3, 1916.



Walter Glen Clapper, on Dec. 28, 1916 married Iris McFarland, born Mar. 20, 1897. Their address was Bowdil, Ohio. Mr. Clapper is a drainage contractor. One child. Geraldine Fern Clapper was born to the family, Mar. 25, 1918.

Alfred E. Clapper, third child of Herman Clapper, on Jan. 17, 1889, married Minnie E. Eberly, born Aug. 13, 1871. They engaged in farming and their address was Bowdil, O. Two children were born to this union: Chloe Grace Clapper, July 27, 1889, and Edna May, Oct. 10, 1894, who became in after years an office employee for the Portage Rubber Co. Alfred E. Clapper passed away Sept. 19, 1900 and was interred in the Newmans Creek cemetery, Stark county, Ohio.

Chloe Grace Clapper, on Oct. 2, 1909, became united in marriage to Calvin Friedrich Feichter, born Sept. 4, 1886. They engaged in farming and their address was Bowdil, O. Three children were born to them as follows: Merrill Stanly Feichter, June 10, 1910; Harold Thurman, Apr. 11, 1912; and Mary Evelyn, Mar. 30, 1917.

Mary S. Clapper, fourth child of Hiram Clapper, on Oct. 30, 1895 married John W. Greenhoe, born May 28, 1870. Mr. Greenhoe was sexton of Union Cemetery at Canal Fulton, Ohio. The following children were born to this union: Harold, Jan. 25, 1897; Dewey R., July 20, 1898, who became a molder; Marion R., August 12, 1901; Graceton W., Mar. 17, 1904; Dorothy B., May 16, 1906; and Marvin T., June 8, 1919. Harold Greenhoe passed away Jan. 11, 1905 and was laid to rest in Union cemetery, Canal Fulton, Stark county, Ohio.

Martha L. Clapper, fifth child of Hiram Clapper, on May 15, 1899 was united in marriage to Jess Culler, born June 22, 1863. Mr. Culler is a coal driller, and his address was Massillon, O. Martha L. Culler passed away Aug. 15, 1900 and is interred in Newmans Creek cemetery, Stark county, Ohio.

Julia Anne Clapper, twelfth child of Jacob Clapper and

Eva Keister Clapper married William L. Pontius, who was a farmer, engaged in that pursuit for years in Wayne county, Ohio. There were born to them the following children: Almira P. Pontius, Nov. 16, 1854; Theodore A., May 4, 1856; Warren Jay, Dec. 25, 1865; Cora Belle L., Jan. 17, 1868. Almira P. Pontius passed away and was buried in the Lower cemetery, Wayne county, O. Cora Belle L. Pontius died Feb. 3, 1869, and Julia Anne Pontius on the 6th of November, 1908.

Theodore A. C. Pontius, on May 29, 1884 was united in marriage to Mary A. Saunders, born Sept. 29, 1857. Mr. Pontius was the second child of William Pontius and Julia Anne Pontius; was a school teacher and lived in Smithville, Ohio. Before marriage his wife Mary Saunders, was a dressmaker. There were born to them the following children: Kittie I. Pontius, May 5, 1886; Merl O., July 25, 1888, who became a druggist; Erma A., Feb. 17, 1890, who became a school teacher; and Iva May, June 26, 1894. Kittie I. Pontius passed away Dec. 26, 1892 and Iva May, July 25, 1894, both being buried in the Smithville, Ohio cemetery, Wayne county.

Erma A. Pontius on Apr. 12, 1915, married Edward A. Schwary, born Feb. 9, 1886. Mr. Schwary was a mail clerk and his address was Smithville, Ohio. There was one child born to this union: Robert E. Schwary, Jan. 30, 1919.





## CHAPTER III

### JOHN WALTER—ELIZABETH CARROLL WALTER DESCENDENTS. BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN WALTER AND WIFE

JOHN WALTER was the writer's uncle and was the oldest son of Christian Walter, my grandfather. My Uncle John was born April 22, 1806 in the state of Pennsylvania, and after his marriage, in 1824, to Elizabeth Carroll, a relative of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, moved to a farm in Tuscararas county, Ohio, where he lived for several years. As a result of this union, eleven children were born to them, as follows: Mary Linn, Harvey, Minerva, Margaret Jane, John H., Jacob, William Carroll, Joseph, Lewis, Elizabeth and David Marshall.

In the year 1849, when the California gold rush started throughout the country, he was one of the party to go overland to seek his fortune. He remained there for several years prospecting for gold.

Love for his wife and children, however, was greater than for the yellow metal, and he later returned to them. Because of his roaming disposition, he was not content to remain in the East. As a result he made another journey to California, accompanied by his son, Lewis. Leaving Tuscararas county, Ohio, they traveled by rail to the Golden State. He spent some time working in the gold mines. After being in California six years, they, Uncle John and Lewis, took passage on a boat for their home in the East—going via Cape Horn. They were shipwrecked in the Pacific Ocean, and were marooned on a small island, where they underwent many hardships for several days before being rescued. The only water they had to drink was what they could scoop up with their hands from the hollows of rocks where it collected during rains.

Eventually, the two arrived back in their Eastern home, but still Uncle John's disposition to roam had not been



satisfied. In company with his wife and children, and his children's families, they migrated to the state of Nebraska, where Uncle John purchased a farm and settled down to farming. This farm is located in Case county, Nebraska, seven miles southwest of Plattsmouth, where he farmed for several years.

However, his love for adventure and prospecting again got the better of him, and with pick and shovel together with a prospector's panning outfit, he headed for the Black Hills in South Dakota, to again seek his fortune. After some time he decided to return to his home in Nebraska. In company with two other miners, they constructed a raft, launching it onto the broad waters of the Missouri River. They drifted downstream to Plattsmouth, Nebraska. From there he was forced to walk the distance to his farm, for his folks had had no way of knowing when he was to arrive so they could meet him. The reward for his hardship and trying experiences was the warm welcome which he received upon his return.

Uncle John was also a brick moulder by trade. At one time he made a bet that he could mould eight thousand bricks in one day, and by noon, he had turned out five thousand by hand. By the middle of the afternoon he had finished the eight thousand bricks, and of course, had won the wager.

#### John Walter—Elizabeth Carroll Walter Descendents

As has been previously stated, there were sixteen children in the Christian Walter's family, John, Jacob, Catherine, Margaret, Elizabeth, Susannah, Peter, Joseph, Lewis, Samuel, Mary, Amos (my father), Daniel and Nancy (twins), Cyrus and Eliza—in the order of their births. It is my intention to take them in that order and write of them and their descendents.

John Walter was born Apr. 22, 1806 and was married in 1824 to Elizabeth Carroll, born 1799. Prior to her marriage, Elizabeth taught school. John was a brick moulder by

trade. There were born to them eleven children, as follows: Mary Linn, Harvey, Minerva, Margaret Jane, James H., Jacob, William Carroll, Joseph, Lewis, Elizabeth and David Marshall Walter. Harvey Walter was a Methodist minister. Minerva was born Sept. 6, 1824; Margaret, May 22, 1827; William, Sept. 15, 1833; Lewis, Sept. 1, 1838; Elizabeth, born Aug. 1, 1840; David Marshall, Aug. 28, 1843. As has been stated in the sketch of Uncle John's life, he farmed for years. Upon his and his wife's death they were buried in the Haskill cemetery, Lancaster county, Nebraska. He passed away in 1891 and his wife in 1894. One son Joseph Walter died in infancy. Of the eleven children of Uncle John, I was able to get an information blank filled out for six of them; Minerva, Margaret, William, Lewis, Elizabeth and David, of whom I will write in the order named.

Minerva married Jacob Parkins in 1844. He was born June 30, 1819 and was a farmer, living in Smith County, Kansas. There were eleven children born to them; Elizabeth Ann born March 7, 1845; Joseph Finley, Aug. 24, 1846; John David, June 23, 1849; Cyrus Christian, April. 30, 1851; Maria Augusta, Aug. 10, 1854; Alfred Harry, Feb. 7, 1856; George William, Apr. 4, 1859; Susan Cornelia, Mar. 2, 1861; Margaret Vastie, Feb. 14, 1864; Emily Fleda, Nov. 24, 1866; and Carrie Alice, May 15, 1871. Jacob Parkins died Feb. 10, 1905, and his wife passed away July 23, 1909; both are buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas.

Elizabeth Ann Parkins married S. A. Smith April 6, 1862. Mr. Smith was born Mar. 30, 1841, and farmed near Guthrie, Iowa. There were eight children born to them: Lineas Ausmer, June 14, 1863; Erastus Lycurgus, Feb. 12, 1865; Celistia Rosetta, Feb. 15, 1867; William Finley, June 21, 1869; Minerva May, June 4, 1875; Aaron Spencer, Oct. 18, 1877; Marion Mable, Sept. 9, 1879, and Samuel Jacob, May 19, 1883. They are listed as farmers, except Minerva, who was a saleslady. Lineas Ausmer died Apr. 28, 1864 and was buried at Linn, Iowa. Elizabeth Ann Smith died June 12, 1915; Celistia Rosetta, Dec. 30, 1915 and Samuel A. Smith Sept. 2, 1916. All were buried in Guthrie Co., Ia.





Celesta Rosetta, married Geo. T. Doty, Sept. 8, 1892. He was born May 12, 1867. Three children were born to them: John C., on June 20, 1893; Ernie whose date was not given, and Vernon S. Doty, May 10, 1899. John C. died in Feb. 1894 and was buried near Massina, Cass Co., Iowa. Ernie died at Shenandoah, Iowa.

Aaron Spencer Smith was married Dec. 20, 1905 to Edith M. Albright, who was born Dec. 3, 1879. He is a farmer. Two children were born to them: Earl Rollie, born June 28, 1908, and Evelyn Beatrice, Sept. 19, 1913. Their address was Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Samuel Jacob Smith was married Nov. 6, 1908 to Cora Ellen Herron, who was born Jan. 15, 1889. He is a farmer, and lived near Coon Rapids, Iowa, and was a dealer in all kinds of live stock. There was born to them two children: Sarah Ann, Aug. 14, 1909; and Vernella K., Sept. 5, 1915.

Joseph Finley Parkins, son of Jacob Parkins and Minerva Walter Parkins, was married Jan. 18, 1870 to Mary Jane Detweiler, who was born Oct. 18, 1850. He is a railroad contractor, and lived at Fremont, Nebraska. The following are their children: Clara Emma born July 6, 1874; Earl D., born Apr. 1, 1878; C. E. Parkins, July 5, 1874 and E. D. Parkins, 1878. The last two are given as a school teacher and Superintendent of railroad construction, respectfully. Clara Emma married Archabold Waterhouse, Sept. 18, 1900. He was the Superintendent of the Fremont, Nebr. schools. Two children were born to them: Ronald A., June 18, 1904 and Robert P., Sept. 26, 1907. They lived in Fremont, Nebr.

John David Parkins, born Jan. 23, 1849 was married to Mary Potter Cushman on Oct. 15, 1875. She was born Oct. 15, 1848. There was born to them one daughter Anna Laura, June 30, 1880. Mr. Parkins farmed near Bethany, Lincoln Co., Nebraska.

Cyrus Christian Parkins, born April 30, 1851 was married Oct. 15, 1889 to Lillian Bell Phillips, born May 30, 1859. At one time Cyrus taught school, but finally started farming. His address is Kensington, Kansas.

Marie Augusta Parkins, born Aug. 10, 1854 was married Oct. 28, 1869 to William Bradley, born Mar. 27, 1844, who was a farmer. The following children were born to them: Geo. Wesley, born Jan. 31, 1871; Charles Thomas, Feb. 14, 1873; James Finley, Feb. 11, 1875; John Jacob, July 15, 1877; Fleeda Annie, Jan. 30, 1880; Nettie Mammie, June 17, 1882; Eliza Ann, Nov. 22, 1884; Sam'l Glenn, May 6, 1887; Harry G., Feb. 9, 1890; Edna Amelia, Apr. 2, 1893; Lillian Cornelia, Feb. 23, 1895; William Leo, Oct. 22, 1897. Fleeda Annie died Aug. 21, 1899 and was buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas. Harry Garast was interred at the same place upon his death, Feb. 2, 1915.

George Wesley Bradley, married Mar. 18, 1901 to Mary Hattie Miller, who was born Feb. 5, 1880. He was a rancher. They have six children: Claude William, born Dec. 29, 1902; Nettie May, Mar. 6, 1905; Paul George, Mar. 27, 1906; Floyd Franklin, May 30, 1909; Ruth Amelia, May 14, 1911 and Charlotte Mary Ella, Feb. 21, 1913. George W. Bradley lived at Lee, Montana, at which place he ranched.

James Finley Bradley, Feb. 25, 1899, was married to Leota Belle Davis, born July 14, 1883. His occupation is farming. The following children were born to them: Emma Viola, Dec. 16, 1903; Georgie Virgil, Oct. 18, 1906; Cecil Emery, Aug. 13, 1912; and Mildred Ethel, Nov. 2, 1914. Two children died in infancy and are buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas, one Jan. 18, 1900, and the other Mar. 3, 1910. Mr. Bradley's address is Benkleman, Nebr.

Edna Bradley on Sept. 4, 1912, married Jow Goracke, born June 1, 1893. He is a farmer near Agra, Kansas. Three children were born to them: Warren W., Irma L., and Ina May, born Oct. 22, 1912; Feb. 6, 1915 and Nov. 20, 1917 respectively.

Lillian Bradley on Nov. 6, 1913 married Silas Troyer, born Dec. 9, 1892. The following family is given: Leo Troyer, born Apr. 20, 1916; Katie Bradley, Oct. 14, 1892; Blanche



Bradley, Dec. 1, 1912; Wayne Bradley, Mar. 5, 1914; George Landreth and Eva Landreth, born Oct. 12, 1898. The following deaths were reported: Warry Troyer, Jan. 26, 1914; buried at State Line, Phillips Co., Kansas; Warry G. Bradley died Feb. 2, 1915 and Flectie A. Landreth died Aug. 19, 1899, being buried at Germantown, Smith Co., Kansas.

George William Parkins son of Jacob Parkins and Minerva Walter Parkins, was born Apr. 4, 1858 and was married May 17, 1882 to Mary Rosette Straw, born, Aug. 12, 1864. Rancher and stock raising near Lee, Montana is his occupation. Nine children were born to this union: Clara Alice, born May 7, 1883; Bertha Fleeda, Apr. 18, 1886; John Christian, Apr. 4, 1888; Sarah Minerva, July 23, 1892; Mary Rosette, Sept. 24, 1894; George F., Nov. 10, 1896; William F., July 24, 1900, Charley F., Nov. 27, 1902; and James Jay, April 1, 1906. John Christian died Dec. 11, 1891 and was buried at Germantown, Smith Co., Kansas.

Bertha F. Parkins, married Perry G. Kelly, May 13, 1907. Kelley was born Nov. 29, 1831. Mr. Kelley is a rancher and lives at Lee, Montana. The following are their children: Clara Alice, born Feb. 15, 1908; William Elsworth, Oct. 2, 1911; and Francis Lillian, Nov. 27, 1913.

Sarah Minerva Parkins on Dec. 27, 1912 married Glen A. Sufficool, who was born Oct. 13, 1892. They live at Lee, Mont. They have two children, Glenn Arthur, born Dec. 27, 1913 and Robert William, born July 19, 1915.

Emma Fleeda Parkins, born Nov. 21, 1866, daughter of Jacob Parkins and Minerva Walter Parkins on Apr. 17, 1887 was married to John Bradley a farmer near Kensington, Kansas. Two children were born to them; Maggie Alice and Imogene Lillian, the latter born Jan. 8, 1890, the former passing away when quite young, and interred in Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas.

Carrie Alice Parkins, youngest member of Jacob Parkins' family, was born May 16, 1871, and on Nov. 22, 1892 was married to Benjamin Franklin Smith, who was born

Aug. 3, 1866. To this union there were born six children: Earl Franklin born Mar. 9, 1894, Pauline Ruth, June 24, 1899; Robert Henry, Sept. 7, 1901; Martha Imogene, Feb. 7, 1903; Forrest Elmo, Jan. 29, 1906; and Lawrence Leslie, Dec. 20, 1909. Mr. Smith's occupation was farming, as was that of the oldest member of his family, Earl Franklin Smith, at the time the writer received his information. This concludes the members of the Jacob Parkins family and their descendants. We next take up Margaret Jane Walter, sister of Minerva.

#### MARGARET JANE WALTER—CULLEN FAMILIES

Margaret Jane, fourth child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, was married to Thomas Cullen on July 16, 1846. She was born May 22, 1827. Her husband was born during the month of July, 1821; as to the day I was unable to learn. There were born to this union seven children: Elizabeth Ann Cullen on May 24, 1847; Minerva Jane, Dec. 14, 1849; Harriet Ellen, July 11, 1851; John Thomas, May 29, 1853; Peter F., July 11, 1860; Mary Alice, Feb. 12, 1892; and Sarah Isabel in 1864. Of the seven, only three, and in the order named above, will the descendants be herein written for the reason that they were the only ones that I could get information blanks from, Elizabeth, Harriet and Mary. John Thomas and Peter were farmers. The father, and husband, Thomas Cullen was murdered by Indians near Julesburg, Colo. in the year 1864, and his burial place is unknown. The faithful wife and mother lived to a peaceful old age, passing away Feb. 11, 1918, and was buried in Ashland cemetery, Ashland, Samuels Co., Nebraska. Herewith is given a verbatim copy of the obituary, which is of considerable family historical significance.

#### A VETERAN MOTHER DIES

At her home 6 miles west of Ashland, Nebraska, Margaret J. Cullen died February 11, 1918 in her 91st year. She was born to John Walter and Elizabeth Walter in Perry County, Ohio, May 22, 1827. She was married to Thos.



Cullen July, 1846, and began home life in Sarahville, Ohio. Here seven children were born, five daughters and two sons, all still living, their ages varying from 54 to 70 years. In 1864 her husband made a trip to Colorado. After some months there he decided to return home, and joined a government freight train for Atchison, Kansas. Near Julesburg, Colo., a savage band of Indians massacred the entire freight company, and here the husband lies buried in an unmarked grave. Then the mother faced the tragedy of widowhood with a family of seven young children. With a devotion, divine in its constancy, she met the task of providing for and rearing the family. Her supreme ambition was to live until all her children had reached adult life and should be settled in their homes. This ambition was fully realized. Some five years ago she experienced a serious breakdown in health from which she never rallied. The time came when she felt her life work ended and desired to be freed from the burden of mortal life. Monday morning as the new day was breaking, she painlessly fell asleep only to be ushered into the dawning of an eternal day. She became a member of the Methodist Church at the age of 18 years, in Ohio. Her Christian life was evidenced by her unselfish service of home and neighborhood. She was a ministering angel at the scenes of sickness and sorrow.

The needy never turned from her door unrelieved. Her hospitality welcomed all comers.

In 1884, the mother and her son, Peter, establisher a home on a farm near Wahoo, Nebraska. Here they lived until 1900, when they moved to their present home. For 34 years, the home life of the mother and son was characterized by mutual fidelity and affection. The son measured up to the responsibility of the head of the home. He had no plans that did not include the interest of the mother.

The subject of this memoir is survived by numerous relatives—two brothers and one sister; five daughters and two sons; twenty-four grandchildren; thirty-two great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

The funeral services were held at the home February 14, 1918. The Rev. Bert W. Salmon of the Ashland Methodist church, preached an appropriate and very helpful sermon. The music was rendered by Mrs. B. Piersol and Miss Neal Granger of Ashland. The entire service was greatly appreciated by relatives and friends. The body was laid to rest in the beautiful Ashland cemetery.

Elizabeth Ann Cullen, first child of Margaret Jane Walfer Cullen, who married Thos. Cullen, on Sept. 15, 1867, was united in marriage to William J. Graham, born June 22, 1844. By occupation Mr. Graham was an educator, and lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They had two sons Theodore Finley born June 12, 1868, and was in the Chatauqua business; Raymond Ray, born Oct. 27, 1881, and was a salesman.

Harriet Ellen Cullen, on May 10, 1871, married James Stootsberry, a farmer living near Ashland, Nebr. He was born Mar. 20, 1848. The following children resulted from this union: Francis Albert, born Feb. 25, 1872; Charles Edward, Apr. 10, 1873 and Thos. Melville, Dec. 23, 1876. The latter was buried in the Ashland cemetery, Saunder Co., Nebr., where he passed away May 14, 1913. His wife Emma died Sept. 11, 1907. All three children lived their lives as farmers. Charles Edward married Emma Bell Russell, born Jan. 29, 1884, on Dec. 27, 1904, and two children were born to them, Blanche Imogene, born Dec. 4, 1905 and Raymond Ray, Feb. 5, 1910. Thos. Melville Stootsberry, mentioned above, was born Dec. 23, 1876, and was married to Emma Oberg Mar. 23, 1902. The year of her birth is Mar. 20, 1881. There were three children born to their family: Ila Leone, July 23, 1903; Clyde Theodore, July 27, 1905 and James Alva, Nov. 5, 1906.

Mary Alice Cullen was married to Jesse Ball, July 30, 1878. Mr. Ball was born Feb. 8, 1857, and the following children were born to them: Henry Thomas, Jan. 22, 1880; James Oscar, July 28, 1881; Hattie Amanda, Apr. 21, 1887; Peter Edwin, Oct. 8, 1889; Gladys Ann, Feb. 25, 1895; Myrtle De Etta, July 29, 1898; Laurence De Wayne, Jan. 19, 1907. Jesse Ball lived at Ceresco, Nebr., where he was engaged in





farming. Henry Thomas Ball and Peter Edwin Ball, two sons became farmers. James Oscar engaged in banking and lived at Boise, Idaho. Hattie Amanda married a Mr. Dahlstrom, and lived at Litchfield, Nebr. Myrtle De Etta married a Mr. Smyth and lived near Nampa, Idaho. Both daughters became wives of farmers.

John H. Walter, fifth child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, married and lived near Wahoo, Nebr. He had two sons, Sam'l V. Walter, who married a Miss S. Bixler; and James Harvey Walter, who married Electa Baughman, I believe. At any rate James Harvey Walter's son's name was Finley Walter. Sam'l V. Walter was born April 12, 1860 and was married to Sadie Bixler, July 28, 1885. Miss Bixler was born Dec. 14, 1861. They farmed near Wahoo. Two children were born to them: Frankie B. born Nov. 12, 1886, and was a school teacher; the other child, Nora Walter, born Nov. 10, 1888 became a stenographer.

Finley Walter, was born August 24, 1882 and was married to Hazel O. Kane on Mar. 22, 1906. She was born Oct. 23, 1888. They farmed near Wahoo, and have two children: Leitha Arville, born Dec. 27, 1906 and Lois Levon, born May 7, 1910. Finley Walter by a second marriage to Wilma Steele, Dec. 29, 1919, had another daughter, Virginia Electa, born Oct. 14, 1920. Finley farmed near Wahoo, Nebraska.

#### WILLIAM CARROLL WALTER—BRUCE FAMILIES

William Carroll Walter, seventh child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, was born Sept. 15, 1833, being married to Susanna Bruce, May 18, 1855. She was born Aug. 4, 1835 and died at Kensington, Kansas July 25th, 1906, being buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas. They had four children: John Calvin Walter born Mar. 26, 1856; Willie H. born June 11, 1861; Alfred Clinton, Sept. 17, 1866 and Mary Bertie, June 17, 1870. Willie was buried in Ohio, where he died before they had moved to Kansas, being buried in Aug. 1865. William Carroll Walter farmed for years in Smith county, Kansas and

later in Meagher county, Montana, near White Sulphur Springs, where he died June 20, 1915. He was interred in the White Sulphur Springs cemetery, Meagher county, Mont.

John Calvin Walter, first son of William Carroll Walter, by his first marriage in Aug. 29, 1876 to Alice Clarinda Walter, born Sept. 10, 1860, had one son, Alfred S., born Feb. 11, 1878. Alice Clarinda, his wife died Sept. 28, 1878 and was buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas. They farmed near Kensington, Kansas. Alfred S. his son by first marriage, on Mar. 6, 1912 was married to Elva Bernice Kinyon, born June 17, 1893. A son Louis Walter was born to this union, Feb. 17, 1915. They farmed near Kensington, Kansas.

#### WILLIAM CARROLL WALTER—KINYON FAMILIES

By second marriage. Oct. 28, 1831 to Sarah E. Kinyon, born May 10, 1859, William Carroll Walter had the following descendants: James Clifton born July 15, 1882; Clinton born Jan. 4, 1883; William Calvin Walter born July 4, 1884; Charlie Clark Walter born Nov. 14, 1885; Peter Clarence born Nov. 28, 1887; Clara Bell born June 22, 1889; Harry Carl born June 5, 1891; Nellie C. born Nov. 29, 1892; Leroy C. born Nov. 7, 1894; Burt C. born Mar. 8, 1898. All the sons are listed as farmers, and ranchers, having gone to Montana with their father, settling near White Sulphur Springs in Meagher Co. Sarah Kinyon Walter the mother passed away Nov. 6, 1918 and is buried there.

Charley Clark Walter married Pearl Gile, born Apr. 3, 1892, and they have two children: Jannie Pearl born Jan. 6, 1917 and John Calvin born Nov. 6, 1918. Their occupation is ranching, and they live near White Sulphur Springs, Mont.

Peter Clarence Walter, on the 17th of Dec. 1913 was married to Arvilla Barton, born Nov. 23, 1899. They had three children: Gilbert Cleo born Mar. 27, 1915; Stella Arlie born June 8, 1918; Eugene Franklin born Feb. 25, 1922. Their address, White Sulphur Springs, where the family was engaged in ranching.



Leroy C. Walter on Feb. 19, 1918 married Nita Ellen Swanger, born May 10, 1899. They have two children, Laurance Cyril born March 4, 1920 and Norman Roy born Oct. 28, 1921. Their address is also White Sulphur Springs, Mont., and ranching is Leroy's occupation.

Alfred Clinton Walter, third child of William Carroll Walter, in August 1895 married Sophia Rosenberg, who was born Aug. 21, 1871, passed away Apr. 27, 1917, being buried at White Sulphur Springs, Mont. There was born to Alfred Clinton and his wife, two children, Bennie Ray, May 17, 1893 and Eva Jennet, Dec. 22, 1901. Both are ranching near White Sulphur Springs.

Bennie Ray Walter on Oct. 29, 1921 married Katherine Dorothy McKibben, born Oct. 2, 1902. One child resulted from that union, as reported to the writer: Frank Ray born June 21, 1922.

Eva, or Evangeline Jennet Walter on May 19, 1917, married Jack Hart, born June 7, 1893. Mr. Hart's occupation is detective work. They have one child, Earl John Hart, born Sept. 12, 1920.

Mary Bertie Walter, fourth child of William Carroll Walter, on Jan. 1, 1888 married Willis Kinyon, born March 8, 1864. There was born to this union the following: Bertie Ethel, July 1, 1899; C. Bart, Sept. 8, 1890; Elva Bernard Kinyon, June 17, 1893; Paul Evan, March 23, 1896; Alda Elizabeth, Feb. 9, 1898; John Henry, July 28, 1900; Teddie Ray, Aug. 24, 1902; and Helen Susanne, Jan. 22, 1913. Bertie Ethel Kinyon on Oct. 10, 1917, married Earl Thomas, a farmer, near Reamsville, Kansas. Mr. Thomas was born in 1887.

Bart Kinyon on Feb. 6, 1917 married Ruth W. Walter, a dressmaker, born Oct. 10, 1889. Their address is Kensington near which place Mr. Kinyon is engaged in farming.

Alda Elizabeth Kinyon on September 20, 1920, married Charles Edwards, born Oct. 8, 1892, a farmer near Kensington.

This finishes the Descendents of William Carroll Walter

who married Susanna Bruce, that is, descendents from whom I was able to get information to give them space in this book.

#### LEWIS WALTER—ELIZA JANE CLARK DESCENDENTS

Lewis Walter, ninth child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, in 1859 married Eliza Jane Clark, born Feb. 2, 1839. The following children were born to them: Lewis Walter, Mar. 24, 1860; Edden Harvey, Feb. 5, 1866; Linnius Ansmer, Mar. 2, 1867; Peter Hubbard, Oct. 2, 1868; Annie Bell, June 1, 1870; Carrie E., May 5, 1874; Samuel F., Feb. 2, 1877; William Clifton, Mar. 12, 1880; Margaret E., Nov. 9, 1882; and Lucene Alice, April 12, 1884. Lewis Walter Jr. died Feb. 12, 1874 and was buried at Gaskell, Lancaster Co., Nebraska. Edden Harvey Walter passed away Feb. 5, 1886 and was buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas. Eliza Jane Walter died Oct. 11, 1894 and Lewis Walter Sr. died March 29, 1922; both being interred in the Germantown cemetery, Smith county, Kansas. Their occupation had been that of farming near Kensington, Kansas for many years, where they succeeded in a great way.

Linnius Ansmer Walter on Aug. 30, 1888 married Julia Ann Norton, born Feb. 17, 1873. Farming and stock raising near Athol, Kansas, was their occupation. The following children were born to them: Andrew Linnius, June 30, 1889; Clarisa Luella, Feb. 4, 1891; Ruby Jane, Oct. 25, 1893; Edward Harvey, May 16, 1896; Willie Ray, Aug. 6, 1900; Halow Lee, Feb. 16, 1901; Hazel Marie, Feb. 15, 1909. Andrew Linnius Walter died May 6, 1890; Ruby Jane, Oct. 25, 1893 and Willie Ray, Jan. 19, 1908; the three being buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith county, Kansas.

Clarissa Luella on June 24, 1913 was married to Winfield Dewey Scott, born June 19, 1890. Mr. Scott's occupation is that of farming.

Peter Hubbard Walter, fourth child of Lewis Walter on September. 22, 1896, married Rosa Lenna Rietzke, born Mar. 6, 1876. The following are their children: Edden McKinley, born Aug. 27, 1898; August Harrold, May 12, 1900;





Mabel Anna, Sept. 26, 1902; Lola Marguerite, Jan. 10, 1903. August Harrold Walter departed this life Apr. 5, 1901, and was buried at Germantown, Smith Co., Kansas. Peter Hubbard Walter's address is Agra, Kansas, near which place he farmed and engaged in the stock raising business.

Eldon McKinley Walter on May 9, 1923 married Velda Rumbaugh, born Dec. 25, 1908. One child was born to them April 16, 1933, Marjorie Lee. Their address is Box 314, Agra, Phillips Co. Kansas.

Mabel Anna Walter married George Syfritt, born Aug. 29, 1901, and they have two children: Wayne Dee born Apr. 6, 1924, and Virginia Rae, July 2, 1926. Their address is 311 East 57th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Lola Marguerite Walter on June 7, 1930 married Thomas D. Oliver, born Aug. 11, 1905, to which union one child was born, Shirley Jean, Apr. 13, 1934. Their address, 412 West 71 St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Annie Bell Walter, fifth child of Lewis Walter on October 20, 1885 was married to Thomas Anthony, born Sept. 7, 1861. The following children were born to them: Arthur Anthony, born Dec. 3, 1889; Eddie Anthony, July 19, 1890; Glen Anthony, Sept. 17, 1891; Earl Anthony, Sept. 22, 1892; Harrison Anthony, July 27, 1893; Dewey Anthony, Aug. 29, 1894; Ray Anthony, Feb. 20, 1895; Mursell Anthony, Feb. 20, 1895; and Emma Anthony, Feb. 23, 1893. Earl Anthony died Jan. 22, 1893, and lies buried in the Dallas cemetery, Dallas Co., Iowa.

Harrison Anthony was killed by a bolt of lightning, while sitting in the window of their home near Kensington, Kansas, May 25, 1900. Four other children were in the room at the time, but with the exception of his brother Eddie, who was severely shocked, none of the others were effected. He was buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas.

Dewey Anthony served two years in the World War, receiving his training at Camp Funston, Kansas, where he was located for nine months. He was with the 89th division,

Co. H, 353 Inf., serving as mess sargeant and cook. He saw service in the Battle of the Argonne Forest and in the Front Line 123 days, being in several desperate places, but receiving no injuries.

Eddie Anthony on Dec. 8, 1909 married Maude Baxter, born Oct. 12, 1889. The following children were born to them: Zelma Ione, Sept. 22, 1910; Reed Duane, July 21, 1912; G. Lucille, Aug. 13, 1918; and Doris Adeline, Apr. 12, 1921. Mr. Anthony's address is Kensington where he has been employed as Section Foreman for some time.

Ray John Anthony on Apr. 16, 1919 married Laura Wilhelmina Haeffner, born Apr. 10, 1899, a dressmaker by trade. They have one child Ray Dean, born Feb. 16, 1920. Mr. Anthony is a Store Clerk, and lives at Kensington, Kansas. His wife passed away April 11, 1921 and is buried at Germantown cemetery nearby.

Carrie Elizabeth Walter, sixth child of Lewis Walter on Nov. 23, 1890, married Sherborn Grant Ferguson, born Aug. 27, 1867, a farmer living near Kensington, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Lena May, Aug. 27, 1867; Ralph Lewis, Aug. 22, 1894; Maggie Marie, Dec. 15, 1895; Lennie, Jan. 5, 1901, Frank Sherbon, June 18, 1902; Walter James, Oct. 9, 1908. Lennie Ferguson died Feb. 24, 1901 and Carrie Elizabeth, the faithful wife and mother, on Nov. 30, 1915; both being buried in Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas.

Lena May Ferguson on Oct. 20, 1909 married Albert John Schwenn, born Jan. 20, 1890, a farmer living near Kensington. They report one daughter, Marie Gertrude, born Dec. 20, 1913.

Ralph Lewis Ferguson on Nov. 12, 1913 married May Anna True, and live near Kensington, where they are engaged in farming.

Maggie Marie Ferguson on Sept. 2, 1914 married Allen Eugene Granchold, born Sept. 1, 1894; lives near Kensington where he farms.



Samuel F. Walter, seventh child of Lewis Walter, on May 5, 1905, married Mary A. Neff, born Mar. 12, 1876. They have two children: Ruth Helen, born Oct. 6, 1907 and the second, Oct. 3, 1909. Their address, 3209 Webster St., Omaha, Nebr.

Margaret Evelyn Walter, eighth child of Lewis Walter was married to Isaac Bell McCracken, born Oct. 8, 1848, a retired farmer living at Kensington, Kansas.

Lucene Alice Walter, ninth child of Lewis Walter, on Oct. 25, 1900, married Albert Henry Van Eaton, born July 31, 1881, a farmer living near Kensington, Kansas. They have one child Warren Lamuel, born Feb. 28, 1903.

Warren L. Van Eaton, on Aug. 8, 1922, married Nora I. Chance, born Aug. 8, 1904, and are engaged in farming near Kensington, Kans. They have three children: Merton D. born Aug. 29, 1923; Berton G. born Mar. 29, 1928 and Doris Ivan, Dec. 24, 1929.

William Clifton Walter, on Feb. 16, 1902, married Clara Pearl Jones, born Aug. 12, 1884. William Clifton Walter was born Mar. 12, 1880. He is a farmer and lives near Kensington, Kansas. There were born to them three children: Elsie Jane Walter, Dec. 22, 1903; Laney Lewis Walter, Sept. 6, 1905, and Letha May, Dec. 16, 1913. His faithful wife departed this life Mar. 25, 1916, being interred in the Germantown cemetery, near Kensington. His eldest daughter, Elsie J. Walter, on June 21, 1921, married Walter V. Sutton, born Nov. 4, 1897, a mechanic living in Scott City, Kansas.

William Clifton Walter by his second marriage on Sept. 27, 1920 to Posie Lettie Worley, born June 20, 1894, had born to them Blanche Pauline, July 20, 1921. Vera May Jones, born Feb. 18, 1915, and Clifford Orman Jones, born June 8, 1917.

Elizabeth Walter, tenth child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, on Oct. 19, 1867 married Samuel Bruce, a farmer, the date of whose birth is Mar. 27, 1835. Four children were born to them as follows: Margaret

Emma Bruce, Oct. 7, 1869; Susan Alice, May 13, 1879; Robert Junius, Oct. 4, 1878; and Jessie May, Nov. 11, 1883. Margaret E. Bruce passed away Dec. 16, 1893, and is buried in Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas. Jessie M. Bruce died July 30, 1885, Samuel Bruce, Nov. 23, 1904 and Susan Alice Bruce, Apr. 13, 1912, all lie buried in Indian Mound cemetery, Wahoo, Nebr. The last news that the writer had of Elizabeth Bruce was that she had passed away at Mutual, Okla. and that some of the descendants are still living there.

David Marshall Walter, youngest child of John Walter and Elizabeth Carroll Walter, was married to Amanda Orr, and to their union were born the following: Catherine, Evans, Alice and James Orr Walter, date of whose birth is June 6, 1880. Catherine Walter died in Ohio, being buried in the Bethel cemetery, Athens County, Ohio. Amanda Walter passed away Dec. 24, 1911 and lies buried in the Germantown cemetery, Smith County, Kansas. Alice Walter was buried in the Limon cemetery at Limon, Washington Co., Colo. David Marshall Walter passed away Oct. 30, 1930, and is buried at Kensington, Kansas in the Germantown cemetery. He farmed near Genoa, Colorado for many years, as did he, also, farm near Kensington.

James Orr Walter, on Nov. 10, 1908, married Imogene Lillian Bradley, born Jan. 8, 1890. There were born to them the following children: Eva Irene Walter, Apr. 30, 1910 and Durward Elmo Walter, Sept. 13, 1916. Their address is Genoa, Colo., where they are engaged in farming.

This concludes the records of the John Walter—Elizabeth Carroll Walter descendants that I have in my possession.



## CHAPTER IV

### JACOB WALTER—ELIZABETH McFADDEN WALTER DESCENDENTS

SOMEWHERE in the commencement of a previous chapter dealing with the descendents of John Walter, I stated that I would take up and write of the descendents of Christian Walter's children in the order of their birth. In this chapter I will commence then with Jacob Walter, being the next child born, following John.

Jacob Walter was born Jan. 4, 1808 in Marland county, Penn., as has been previously stated. On June 30, 1830 he married Elizabeth McFadden in O., to which state he had accompanied his father by ox team in 1815. Elizabeth McFadden Walter was born Jan. 16, 1801. The following children were born into their family: Nancy, May 5, 1832; John, Oct. 5, 1833; Elizabeth Jane, Nov. 20, 1834; Cyrus Walter, Nov. 25, 1836; Sarah, Oct. 8, 1838; Catherine, Sept. 5, 1840; an infant daughter, Sept. 10, 1842, that died at birth; and Margaret Walter, Jan. 4, 1844.

John Walter, a son, died in infancy Oct. 15, 1833, and was buried in the Lower cemetery, Wayne county, Ohio. Sarah Walter passed away Oct. 15, 1842; Jacob Walter, the father, on June 19, 1861; and Elizabeth, his wife, on Sept. 16, 1880; all being interred in the Lower cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio, near where they had spent their lives as farmers.

Nancy Walter, on July 4, 1855 married Barnard Gesaman, born April 29, 1829, and farmed near Canal Fulton, which was their address. They were blessed with five children as follows: Jacob, born June 16, 1856; Mary, July 28, 1860; Lorinda, Dec. 11, 1861; Cora, May 25, 1865; Elmer, Mar. 6, 1867. Mary Gesaman died Mar. 9, 1861; Cora on Jan. 7, 1866; Barnard the father on Dec. 13, 1876 and Nancy, the wife and mother, on Dec. 25, 1903. All being buried in Newman Creek cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio.

Jacob Gesaman, on Mar. 19, 1885, married Ada F.





Kurtz, born Aug. 26, 1858, and to this union one child was born: Walter K., Aug. 16, 1880. He took up the occupation of Millheater. Jacob Gesaman was a driller by trade. His wife, Ada, died during the month of December, 1907, and was buried in Union cemetery, Canal Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio. Walter K. Gesaman married Della Gainey, born Jan. 26, 1878, to which union was born Walter E. Gesaman, Oct. 5, 1915. Mr. Gesaman became an engineer, and his address was Canal Fulton.

Lorinda Gesaman, on Mar. 24, 1887, married William H. Shetler, born Jan. 23, 1856, who was a school teacher. The following were their children: Elmer A., born Mar. 30, 1888; Eva J., Mar. 26, 1893; Maude W., May 8, 1897; Bertha P., Sept. 13, 1900. Lorinda Shetler passed away Feb. 24, 1904 and William H. Shetler, Nov. 17, 1919, both being buried at Bowdill, Ohio, Newman Creek cemetery, Stark Co. Elmer A. Shetler on May 8, 1908, married Myrtle Zimmerman, born Dec. 16, 1888. Three children were born to them: Verda Irene, Apr. 20, 1909; Alvin Elmer, Oct. 18, 1913 and Leonard Franklin, Sept. 4, 1917. Elmer Shetler was a machinist by trade, and his address, Fairland, Akron, Ohio. His wife, Myrtle Shetler, passed away, Feb. 17, 1920, and was interred in Newman Creek cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio. Bertha P. Shetler, on Nov. 24, 1925, married Clyde Oliver Rockwell, an accountant, born July 5, 1896. Their address was 995 Laurel Ave., Akron, Ohio.

Elmer Gesaman, youngest child of Barnard Gesaman, married Agnes Shelton, June 14, 1894, and the following children were born to them: Clyde S., Aug. 23, 1903; and an infant that died at birth, Sept. 5, 1896, and was buried at Canal Fulton, O. Mr. Gesaman's address, R. F. D. 2, Box 55, Canal Fulton, near which place he farmed.

Elizabeth Jane Walter, third child of Jacob Walter, on Mar. 4, 1875, was united in marriage to Henry Stauffer, a farmer, born Apr. 11, 1840. Henry Stauffer passed away Oct. 14, 1912 and his wife Elizabeth, Feb. 14, 1909, both being interred in the Lower cemetery, Wayne County, Ohio.

Cyrus Walter, fourth child of Jacob Walter and Eliz-

abeth McFadden Walter, on Mar. 8, 1860, married Sabina Gesaman, born Aug. 28, 1837. Their address, North Lawrence (Bowdill) Ohio, near where they farmed for years. There were ten children in their family, as follows: Malinda, born Dec. 23, 1860; John, Aug. 19, 1862; Ida, Feb. 12, 1865; Jacob, Aug. 28, 1866; Jennie, Nov. 21, 1868; Simon, June 27, 1870; Frank, May 17, 1872; Emma, Mar. 20, 1875; Joseph, Nov. 21, 1877; Violet, Jan. 7, 1879. John Walter died Aug. 19, 1863. Jacob Walter, Feb. 9, 1867, and Joseph, Nov. 28, 1877; all being buried in Newman Creek cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio.

Ida Walter on Nov. 8, 1883 married Benjamin Stauffer, born June 13, 1853. His occupation was farming and nursing, and he lived southwest of Wooster, a successful farmer. They had six children: Marvin Wayne born Sept. 13, 1885, a teacher; Olive Lucretia, July 17, 1887, teacher; Elbert McKinley, July 17, 1891, teacher, and student of theology, Glenn Kirkland, June 15, 1893, farmer; Troy Brooks, March 31, 1895, farmer; Russell Roosevelt, Oct. 27, 1900, poultry raising.

Marvin Wayne Stauffer on Sept. 7, 1912 married Emily Adeline Lehman, born Jan. 31, 1890. He was a teacher in the public schools. The following children were born to them: Marjorie Anita, June 10, 1913; Dorothy Evelyn, Jan. 27, 1915; Hildreth Irene, Sept. 23, 1916; Miriam Lucile, Aug. 7, 1918; Wilma Kathleen, Aug. 19, 1920; Arlene Emily, Sept. 1, 1923; and Marvin Raymond, July 5, 1926.

Olive Lucretia Stauffer on Apr. 27, 1912, married William C. Miller, born Oct. 20, 1887. Four children were born to them, as follows: Lorna Katherine, Jan. 21, 1914; Emerson William, Sept. 3, 1915; Kenneth K., Apr. 1, 1919; Constance Joan, Sept. 9, 1921.

Glenn K. Stauffer was married to Mabel Florence Cra-  
ter, born Jan. 26, 1897.

Russell Roosevelt Stauffer at the time I collected my information was not yet married. However, he was engaged in the business of raising fancy poultry, and was making



considerable success of the venture. He exhibited his chickens in Chicago and Cleveland, winning many prizes on his light brown leghorn cockrels, hens and pullets. He also handled bees and made a specialty of extracting honey, which he had a good market for. Undoubtedly he was successful considering the demand for his products. A man with that energy should make a success of whatever business calling he undertakes.

Jennie Walter, on June 1, 1890, married Amandus Shoemaker, born October 24, 1862, whose occupation was Traveling Passenger and Freight Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co., with headquarters at Portland, Ore. His address was 4327 49th St., Portland, Ore. The following children were born to them: Glen Walter Shoemaker, born Sept. 18, 1892; Josephine Violet, Mar. 12, 1902; Robert Oliver, June 21, 1904; Florence Elizabeth, Mar. 7, 1909. Jennie Walter was the sixth child of Cyrus Walter.

Simon Walter, seventh child of Cyrus Walter, on June 5, 1895 was married to Mille Nora Hardgrove, born May 1, 1867. She was a teacher in the Public Schools at the time of her marriage, after which they engaged in farming near Bowdill, O. formerly North Lawrence, Stark Co. There were three children born to them: Mildred Ruth, Mar. 14, 1898; Margaret Edith, Sept. 17, 1907; and Dorothy Elizabeth, Oct. 31, 1910. Simon Walter passed away Oct. 30, 1918 and was interred in Newman Creek cemetery, Stark Co., O. Mildred Ruth Walter, on Dec. 27, 1917, married Fred Schmidt, born Apr. 5, 1895. They farm near Bowdill, O. They had one son John Richard, born Jan. 14, 1920.

Violet Walter, youngest child of Cyrus Walter, on Oct. 2, 1906 was married to Fred Johnson, a metallurgist, and graduate of the State School of Mines at Golden, Colo. He was born Feb. 22, 1874, in Denver, Colo. and was for many years Ass't. Supt. of the Arkansas Valley Smelter at Leadville, Colo. The company was a subsidiary of the Amer. Smelting and Refining Co. They had one child, Fredrick Walter Johnston, born Apr. 1, 1913.

Catherine Walter, sixth child of Jacob Walter, on the 14th of April 1864, married Isaac Anderson, born Oct. 20, 1835, a farmer who lived near Marshalville, Wayne Co., O. Catherine, his wife was an accomplished alto singer of the community in which they lived. There were five children in their family: Emma May, born Jan. 23, 1865; Melzie Elizabeth, Oct. 21, 1866; Edith Burdella, Apr. 1, 1868; Forrest Oliver, May 12, 1870; Jessie Irene, Apr. 7, 1874. Melzie Elizabeth passed away Nov. 11, 1870, and Forrest Oliver, July 11, 1913; the former was buried in the Lower cemetery, the latter in Crown Hill cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Isaac Anderson, Civil War veteran and a life-long resident of the vicinity of Marshalville, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lehman of Newton, Kansas, where he was spending the winter. The funeral services were held in the Reform church. Mr. Anderson was in the 87th year of his age at death in 1922. He served all through the Civil War with distinction. Returning to Laughman township, he resided on a farm there until some time approximating the year 1909, when he retired and moved to Marshalville. His wife preceded him in death, as did their only son. Three daughters survived Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Bert Weygandt, and Mrs. John Zimmerman.

Emma May Anderson married John W. Zimmerman and resided at Doylestown, O. until the time of her death, Mar. 3, 1928.

Edith Burdella Anderson, on Aug. 3, 1892 married Clayton Lehman, a hardware merchant of Newton, Kansas. Mr. Lehman was born June 10, 1868. There were two children born to the family: Velma Katherine, April 20, 1895 and Jessie Irene, Aug. 31, 1899, the latter becoming a school teacher. Jessie became afterwards married to Alfred S. Heusner. She passed away May 15, 1928, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Newton, Harvey Co., Kansas.

Jessie Irene Anderson, on Dec. 21, 1894 married Bert Alva Weygandt, born Apr. 15, 1871, a farmer living near Marshalville, Ohio. To this union were born the following



children: Glen Forrest, Dec. 11, 1895; Mildred Byrl May 9, 1898; Ethel Irene, Oct. 28, 1900; Robert Roy, Mar. 29, 1903; Edith May, July 13, 1905; Florence, Dec. 22, 1907; and Ralph, May, 29, 1912. Edith May passed away Apr. 17, 1910 and was buried in the Lower cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Margarette Walter, Youngest child of Jacob Walter and Elizabeth McFadden Walter, on Sept. 12, 1866 married Alvin P. Keller, born Aug. 31, 1844. Mr. Keller was a horticulturist of no small ability, having near Canal Fulton, where he lived for years, a wonderful fruit orchard, mostly apple trees. He made a specialty of sorting the choicest fruit and selling it, doing a very thriving business. His products had a reputation of no small renown, and were known far and near, being readily sold in Canton, Akron and Massillon, as well as surrounding cities nearer. Mr. Keller and his sons were also engaged in Canal Fulton in handling farm implements, and were well known for their fair and honorable dealings. Mrs. Keller was a lover of horses, and always took pride in keeping and driving an excellent buggy horse, which few horses on the road could out-distance.

The following children were born to the Keller family: Walter Leander, Sept. 30, 1867; Oliver Freeman, Oct. 31, 1869; Charles Wilbur, May 5, 1872. Margarette Keller, faithful wife and mother passed away January 16, 1933, at the ripe age of 89 years; she was buried at Canal Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio.

Walter Leander Keller on Nov. 18, 1891, married Gertrude Lottie Wagoner, born Oct. 24, 1869. They lived in Canal Fulton, where Mr. Keller was a dealer in agricultural implements, as has been stated.

Oliver Freeman Keller was united in marriage, Feb. 5, 1901, to Estella C. Kittinger, born Oct. 19, 1871. Oliver was in business with his brother Walter in Canal Fulton handling implements. Two children were born into their family: Grace Lucile, Nov. 12, 1901; and Harry Jay, Jan. 15, 1904.

The sons and their wives took the best care of their

mother, Margarette Keller, after the death of her husband, looking after her welfare and making her comfortable and cheerful in her declining years. The writer and his wife always made it a point, when they visited Ohio, to call and see the Keller families always receiving a welcoming hand and the kindest of hospitality—or it seemed so to the writer, and due, no doubt, because of our life-long, deep-rooted friendship.

Charles Wilbur Keller married Cloe N. Baughman, September 6, 1916, and so far as I know they are living near Canal Fulton.

This is all the information that I have been able to obtain concerning the descendants of Jacob Walter and his wife, Elizabeth McFadden Walter.





## CHAPTER V

### SILAS COE—CATHERINE WALTER COE DESCENDENTS

CATHERINE WALTER, third child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, the writer's grandparents, was born May 19, 1809. She became married to Silas Coe on Feb. 26, 1835, and they went to farming in Wayne county, Ohio. In 1852 they purchased twenty acres of land from Christian Walter, which appears as a matter of record in the Recorder's Office of the county. This land they purchased with the idea of having it for a future home, and the location as given in the records is: Section 27, Township 17, Range 12. However, in 1858 they moved to Galesburg, Ill. where they engaged in farming until 1880, a period of twenty-two years. In that year they moved to Nemaha county, Nebraska, settling near Auburn. They remained there four years, until 1884, and then went overland to Milton, Ore., where they spent the remainder of their lives farming. Both lived to a ripe old age. Silas Coe, born in 1815, died Feb. 28, 1901, aged 86 years; his wife lived to be 93 years of age; both are buried at Milton, Ore.

The following children were born to Silas and Catherine Coe: John, Nov. 22, 1835; Martha Jane, Feb. 26, 1837; Joseph W., Dec. 21, 1838; Nancy, Sept. 31, 1840; Samuel Keister, Sept. 25, 1842; Margaret, Aug. 28, 1844; Katherine, Dec. 7, 1845; Mary Ann, Dec. 24, 1848; Elizabeth, Aug. 26, 1857; Eliza Jane, July 21, 1853.

John Coe passed away Feb. 4, 1837 and Martha Jane, Sept. 7, 1838 and Elizabeth Coe, Sept. 20, 1852. They are all buried in Wayne County, Ohio, passing away at a tender age.

Joseph Coe, on Dec. 25, 1866 married Emily J. Steele, born Mar. 15, 1837 and lived their lives as farmers. Joseph Walter Coe passed away Sept. 24, 1899; his wife, Dec. 27, 1921 at the home of their daughter, Lila H. Selfridge, St.



John, Kansas. Both are buried at Pratt, Kansas. The following children were born to the Joseph Coe family: Lila Hinta, July 28, 1868; Schuyler Vinta, July 28, 1868; Adella Zilla, Mar. 20, 1870, who married a Mr. Rumford, a merchant; Thos. Wayne, Oct. 3, 1871, in the United States Mail Service; Palmer Walter, Feb. 1, 1874, engaged in the insurance business.

Lila Hinta Coe, on Dec. 25, 1887, married Oliver John Selfridge, a farmer, born Feb. 25, 1858. To that union were born: Emily Jeanette, Nov. 25, 1888; Meta Adella, May 10, 1892; Everett Oliver, Nov. 20, 1893; Chester Joseph, Mar. 6, 1895; Palmer Willard, Nov. 22, 1896; Mary Bell, Dec. 11, 1898, who married a real estate man; Oliver John, Aug. 16, 1908. Meta Adella died Apr. 23, 1894 and is buried in Stafford, Kansas.

Emily Jeanette Selfridge, on Mar. 6, 1907, married William Orven Jent, born Aug. 22, 1883, a carpenter and contractor. The following children were born to them: Infant daughter, Apr. 4, 1908; Lila Elizabeth, July 2, 1909; Vona Helen, Jan. 30, 1912; Mary Mildred, Apr. 2, 1914; William Allen, Dec. 4, 1916; Howard Virgil, Aug. 26, 1917; Marjorie Eleanor, Nov. 22, 1919; and Charles Russell, Mar. 19, 1922. An infant daughter died Apr. 7, 1908, being buried at Hume, Mo., in the Underwood cemetery, Vernon Co., Mo. Howard Virgil Jent died Nov. 2, 1921 at Richmond, Franklin Co., Kansas.

E. O. Selfridge, on Aug. 27, 1919, married Helen Dalbon, born Nov. 21, 1894. They had one child at the time of making their report to me, La Veta Selfridge, born Sept. 17, 1920. They lived at Denison, Kansas, where Mr. Selfridge was principal of the High School, and High School Coach of all athletics. He is a graduate of Southwestern College and at the time of writing me in 1922 had taught in high school and coached football for four years. He graduated from the St. John High School in 1913. From Nov. 29, 1917 to Mar. 17, 1919 he served in the American Air Service, and spent one year overseas.

Chester Joseph Selfridge, on Mar. 31, 1915, was married to Lorene Lanore Smythe, born Nov. 14, 1897. Chester Joseph was employed as a switchman. There were born to them: Mary Margaret, Nov. 17, 1916; Harold Lowell, Dec. 13, 1917; Lila Louise, Jan. 23, 1919; Chester Eugene, May 11, 1921. Lila Louise passed away Mar. 19, 1919; Chester Eugene, Sept. 15, 1921; both being interred in the St. John cemetery, Stafford Co., Kansas. Chester lived at Waynoka, Okla.

Palmer Selfridge, on June 15, 1920, became married to Gertrude Reinick, born Mar. 28, 1896. Palmer is a florist and engaged in the management of a greenhouse at Liberal, Kansas, when he wrote the writer. They had one child born to them: Gwendolyn Joy, born July 26, 1921; passing away Apr. 29, 1922; burial was in Fairview cemetery, St. John, Stafford Co., Kansas.

Schuyler Vinta Coe, on June 28, 1893, married Kate Alice Trever, born Oct. 27, 1870. Mr. Coe was a minister, founder, and for a long period of years, approximately thirty, was superintendent of the Life Line Orphan's home, 4322 Mission Road, Kansas City, Kansas. This Home takes in orphan children and babies, and succeeds in finding homes for them in various parts of the country, where they may be reared as members of the families in which adopted. The work of Schuyler Coe, his good wife Mrs. Kate Coe, as well as the others upon whom rests the responsibility of their great undertaking, is indeed a laudable one and deserving of much praise. The Home publishes a small paper entitled THE LIFE LINE, which not only expressed the spirit animating the motives and accomplishments of the institution, but serves, also, as a report of the Home's progress from time to time. Would that there were more people in the world with the unselfishness and willingness for self-sacrifice that one finds in the good people behind the Life Line Orphan's Home and its efforts.

Schuyler V. Coe passed away when 59 years of age, and since his demise, his good wife, Kate Coe has been overseeing the management of the Home, since that time, 1927.



The following children were born to them: Floyd Burton, July 23, 1897; Ethel Jennie, Apr. 2, 1900; Chester Arthur, June 4, 1909; and in addition they have an adopted boy. One child, Floyd Burton Coe, passed away May 23, 1899, and is interred in Carville cemetery, Carville, Woods county, Oklahoma.

Nancy Coe, fourth child of Silas Coe and Catherine Walter Coe, on July 4, 1864 in Elmwood, Ill. married John Thomas Biggs, a farmer. Mr. Biggs was born Jan. 12, 1835. At the outbreak of the Civil War he served in Co. I of the 77th Illinois volunteers for three years. The following children were born to them: Nettie Estella, June 12, 1866; Myrtle Adella, Apr. 2, 1868; Virgil Coe, Sept. 15, 1869; William Walter, Aug. 15, 1871; Jennie Bell, Dec. 28, 1873; Clarence Earl, May 28, 1876; Mary Ethel, Feb. 13, 1878. At some time Mr. Biggs and his family moved into Nebraska somewhere near Lincoln, for he died June 18, 1890 and was buried at Hansen in that state. His wife, evidently with the children later moved to Oregon, for she lies buried at Milton.

Nettie Estella Biggs, on Jan. 7, 1891, at Hastings, Nebr. married William Shelby Cody, who was a farmer at the time of their marriage, but later became engaged in the realty business. Nettie had been a school teacher. Mr. Cody was born Nov. 28, 1861. The following children were born to them: Harold Dean, Mar. 15, 1895; Bernice Evelyn, Oct. 20, 1897; Ruth Eileen, Dec. 15, 1898. Harold Dean passed away Aug. 30, 1914 and was buried in Clarkston cemetery, Asotin county, Washington. Bernice Cody, a school teacher, on Sept. 14, 1920, married John Glenn Bloodsworth, born Jan. 4, 1898. He is a horticulturist and lived in Clarkston, Wash. They have one child buried at Clarkston, Asotin Co., Wash., that died in infancy. Ruth Eileen Cody became united in marriage to J. L. Ulrich and resides at Clarkston, Wash.

Willie Walter Biggs, fourth child of John Thos. Biggs, (who married Nancy Coe, daughter of Silas Coe) on Dec. 4, 1894 married Jennie Lockwood, born Oct. 1, 1876. William W. Biggs was born at Tecumseh, Nebr., Aug. 15, 1871, re-

moving with his parents to Adams county, where they resided eight years. In 1888 when a boy of seventeen, he came to Nemaha Co., and for a time made his home with his aunt, Mrs. K. C. Shepardson, now of Auburn. He was married to Jennie Lockwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lockwood, near Julian. He was a great lover of home, and proved himself an exemplary husband, a tender and indulgent father, a good son and brother; and was most kind and true in his relations as friend and neighbor. Mr. Biggs was baptized and united with the United Brethren church in 1895. After considerable illness, he passed away Jan. 28, 1909, near Julian, Nebr., and was interred in Glen Rock cemetery, Nemaha Co., Nebr.

Two children were born to the William Walter Biggs family: Boyd Coe, born Sept. 15, 1897, who is a plumber, electrician and building mechanic; and Lenora Ellen, born Jan. 1, 1901, and became a school teacher before her marriage. Leora Ellen Biggs married Lloyd E. Gates, born Nov. 8, 1899, on the 22nd of June, 1921. They made their home at University Place, Nebr., 124 E. 19th St. Leora graduated from University Place High School and attended Wesleyan University one year receiving her second grade certificate to teach. She taught school one year at Eagle, Nebr., and also served as a substitute in the University Place schools for some years. Her husband attended Nebraska Wesleyan University one year and the State University one year, studying electrical engineering. Later he embarked into the garage business and carried on his study of engineering.

Jennie Bell Biggs, fifth child of John Thos. Biggs, on Oct. 9, 1900 became married to Leroy Walter Parcell, a wool grower, near Sprague, Wash. Mr. Parcell was born Mar. 9, 1875. Two children were born to the union: Claude Arthur born Aug. 8, 1906 and Mildred Byron, Aug. 20, 1912. Jennie Bell Biggs' occupation before her marriage was teaching school. Five years of her time was devoted to the advancement of Education, as was also three years of her time after marriage, given to educational progress in the schoolroom, where her duty seemed to call her.





Clarence Earl Biggs, sixth child of John Thos. Biggs, was united in marriage to Myrtle Belle Cascadden on Jan. 10, 1911. She was born Aug. 4, 1882, and had been a school teacher before her marriage. Clarence Earl Biggs owns the Pioneer Flouring Mill of Chester, Mont., which place they reside.

Margaret Coe, sixth child of Silas Coe and Catherine Walter Coe, was married to Charles Bradshaw and lived at Indianola, Iowa. They had two children: one daughter, Mary and one son, Coe, who died years ago and was buried at Indianola. Chas Bradshaw and Margaret his wife are also buried at Indianola.

Katherine Coe, seventh child of Silas Coe, married Garrett Parsell and there were born to this union the following children: Oliver, Fred, Chester, Ray, Maggie, Harven, Jack, and Elmer. Jack Parsell served in the World War having been on the Tuscania when that vessel was sunk. He was rescued, however, and returned back home at the close of the war. The family lived at Harpster, Idaho for many years. Later, Katherine was united in marriage to Mr. Russell and lived in Sprague, Washington.

Mary Ann Coe, eighth child of Silas Coe, on Oct. 16, 1863, became married to A. G. Bartholomew, born July 21, 1845, and at his death was County Judge of Morrow County at Hepner, Ore. He was buried in the Hepner, Ore. cemetery. The following children were born into his family: Harry E., Feb. 4, 1870, a stock raiser; Edwin E., Oct. 11, 1872, farmer by occupation; Walter C., Sept. 24, 1874, employee of the U. S. Customs Dept.; Charles, Dec. 13, 1877, a farmer; Jennie B., Dec. 1, 1878; Evelyn, Nov. 10, 1881, and Fred Coe, Oct. 22, 1884. Walter C. Bartholomew passed away Apr. 12, 1922 at Hepner, and was interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Eliza Jane Coe, youngest member of Silas Coe's family, on Dec. 17, 1871, was married to Kincaid Ansel Shepardson, who was born Jan. 1, 1844 at St. Albans, Licking county, Ohio. He moved with his parents to Ransom, Mich., and

resided there until the date, July 30, 1862, when he enlisted in the Union Army with the 18th Michigan regiment, being but eighteen years old at the time. He was discharged at Nashville, Tenn, June 26, 1865 after having seen honorable service in his country's cause. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. From the army Mr. Shepardson returned to Michigan, and then left that state in 1870 settling in Nemaha county, Nebraska. His marriage to Eliza Jane Coe took place at the Highland church north-east of Auburn. The couple located on their farm near Julian, where they remained until they moved to Auburn in 1900. Mr. Shepardson was a member of the United Brethren Church at Julian, but upon moving to Auburn he united with the Methodist church, afterward transferring his membership to University Place, when moving to that place. He passed away May 14, 1920 and interment made in Sheridan cemetery, Auburn, Nebr.

Eliza Coe Shepardson was born in Ohio, and moved with her parents to Peoria county, near Galesburg, Ill. Here she grew to young womanhood. For two years she taught school in the public schools of that county. In her nineteenth year she came to Nebraska and lived for some time with her sister, who was a resident, at that time of the county of Nemaha. After her marriage to K. A. Shepardson, for forty years she was a resident of Nemaha Co. At the age of fifteen she became united with the Methodist church. She was a most ardent supporter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, serving as president of that organization for many years. She was an active member in world-wide missionary work in her support of the Women's Foreign Missionary society. She passed away Oct. 20, 1909, and when her life ebbed peacefully away during the night, and her spirit took its homeward flight, there passed from labor to reward a true wife and a fond mother and noble Christian worker. She was buried in the Sheridan cemetery, Auburn, Nebr., preceding her good husband by nearly eleven years.

The following children were born to the K. A. Shepard-



son family: Earl Coe, Dec. 23, 1873; Arthur Perrin, Sept. 22, 1877; Gertrude Elvira, May 18, 1881; Kathryn Estella, Aug. 6, 1887, Edna Grace, Dec. 29, 1889; and Pearl Corita, Oct. 9, 1895.

Earl Coe Shepardson, on Aug. 20, 1900, married Effie Barber, born Nov. 20, 1876. Earl was engaged in the garage business at Smith Center, Kansas. They have three children: Loyal Linza born June 23, 1901; Harvey Kincaid, born Nov. 24, 1903; and Hila Mildred, June 18, 1908.

Arthur P. Shepardson, on Nov. 28, 1900, married Rhoda Barber, born Jan. 6, 1881. Arthur was engaged in farming at Lebanon, Mo. The following children were born to them: Edna Sybil, Nov. 8, 1901; Marie Lola, Nov. 22, 1903; Ralph Milo, Nov. 10, 1905, engaged in farming; Welton Arthur, Apr. 16, 1910; Eloise Eliza, Feb. 19, 1912; Eugene Elliott, Jan. 28, 1914; and Dixie Dolores, May 5, 1917. Eugene Elliott died July 18, 1917, and interment made at Cedar Hill cemetery, Cora, Smith Co., Kansas.

Edna Sybil Shepardson, on Sept. 14, 1927, married Clethra Oscar Medlock, born Apr. 24, 1895. Mr. Medlock was a painter, and lived at McCamey, Texas. Edna taught school two terms. Her first husband died Apr. 30, 1925. Harold Clethra Medlock is their only child reported, born June 8, 1928.

Lola Marie Shepardson, on Mar. 9, 1921, became married to Jess F. Snyder, born Aug. 28, 1896. They lived at McCamey, where Mr. Snyder worked as a laborer. They were blessed with three children: Phil Dale, born Feb. 2, 1922; Marian Gene, Nov. 16, 1923; Ralph Lee, Feb. 22, 1927.

Gertrude Elvira Shepardson, third child of Kincaid A. Shepardson, on Mar. 25, 1900, was married to Lon D. Jennings, born Dec. 1, 1879, a machinist. They lived at Lebanon, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Earl Ericson, Jan. 19, 1901; Merle C., Sept. 22, 1902; Raymond Dean, Jan. 19, 1905; Harold Coe, Nov. 12, 1907; Grace Evelyn, Sept. 21, 1911; Claude Emerson, June 21, 1913; Glen Eugene, Sept. 6, 1921; Donald Duane, Oct. 2,

1925. Of these children two have passed away: Earl Ericson Jennings, July 12, 1912, and Donald Duane Jennings on Mar. 3, 1926, both being laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery, Lebanon, Smith Co., Kansas.

Merle C. Jennings married Verne Atkins, Nov. 1920 and lived at Broken Bow, Nebr. Three children were born to them: Wanda, Norma Jean, and Naomi.

Raymond Waldeane Jennings married Roma Baldwin, Apr. 22, 1928, and reside in Lebanon, Kansas.

Harold Coe Jennings married Mable Gouldie, Mar. 4, 1928, and their residence is also Lebanon.

Kathryn Shepardson, fourth child of Kincaid Shepardson, on June 30, 1922, married Ernest N. Chipperfield, a carpenter and farmer, born Aug. 28, 1878. Kathryn taught school for sixteen years in the public schools. There was born to them one child, William Ernest, Nov. 30, 1923, whose occupation was given as cooing and kicking, which the writer well understands having raised a large family himself.

Edna Grace Shepardson, on May 3, 1912, became married to Glen Mastin, born Dec. 29, 1889. There were two children born into their family: Ida Pearl, Oct. 14, 1914; and Robert Glen, Aug. 4, 1916. Edna Grace Shepardson Mastin graduated from High School at Auburn, Nebraska. She passed away Sept. 6, 1916.

Pearl C. Shepardson, sixth child of Kincaid Shepardson, on June 30, 1919, became married to Vernon Vilas Westgate, born April 6, 1885. He is a Federal Inspector of U. S. Bureau of Markets, and his address is 435 Keeline Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska. One child was born to them, Howard Edward Westgate, born Apr. 1, 1920.

This is all the information that I have concerning the Silas Coe—Catherine Walter Coe descendants. There is a Samuel Keister Coe that lived at Milton, Ore., having reared a large family, that the writer believes belongs in the lineal descendency of Silas Coe, but have no record of them.



## CHAPTER VI

DANIEL McFADDEN—MARGARET WALTER McFADDEN DESCENDENTS. EDWRAD McFADDEN—ELIZABETH WALTER McFADDEN DESCENDENTS. JOHN McFADDEN—SUSAN WALTER McFADDEN DESCENDENTS. PETER WALTER—HESTER CARR DESCENDENTS

MARGARET WALTER, fourth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, married Daniel McFadden, born Sept. 2, 1804, a farmer who lived in Ashland county, Ohio. The writer does not have a record of where Daniel McFadden was buried, but his death occurred Sept. 30, 1880. The records, also, of the dates of birth and death of the children are incomplete also. Silas McFadden, the oldest child was born Oct. 26, 1832, and lived his life as a farmer. He never married. The date of his death is Mar. 3, 1853, and he lies buried at Savannah, Ashland Co., Ohio. Alfred McFadden the next oldest was also a farmer and at his death was laid to rest at Orange, Ashland Co., O. He was married but have no record except that his daughter Essa married a Bechtel of whom I have a family record, which appears later on in this work. William Elias McFadden, another son is also buried at Orange, Ohio.

Dianna McFadden, the third child of Daniel was born May 6, 1836, and married Andrew J. Priest on Mar. 21, 1860. Mr. Priest, was born Aug. 21, 1840 and his occupation was farming near Polk, Ashland Co., Ohio, which was the address of Dianna. There were born into their family the following children: William Priest, born Dec. 16, 1861, who lived his life as a farmer; Margaret Priest, born Jan. 29, 1865; and an infant son born Mar. 15, 1867, died May 5, the same year, and buried at Polk, Ohio. Andrew J. Priest died July 25, 1899 and likewise is buried at Polk.

Dianna McFadden, born June 21, 1853 was married to Pardee Simmons on Dec. 4, 1888. Mr. Simmon's birth date is May 13, 1853. Their occupation was farming in Ashland





Co., Ohio. Dianna Simmons' address was 327 East Main St., Ashland, Ohio to where she retired.

William M. Priest, the oldest child of Andrew J. Priest, on Nov. 1, 1886 was married to Carrie Snyder, born Oct. 5 1866. William was engaged in farming and in addition bought and sold horses. His address was Polk, Ashland Co., Ohio. They had one son born to the family: Guy S. Priest, born Feb. 14, 1889; a farmer by occupation. Guy Priest, on Nov. 26, 1912 married Golda I. Grafton, born Nov. 26, 1894, to which union one child, at the time the writer received his information, was born; Monica A. Priest, born Dec. 27, 1913. Their address, Polk, Ashland Co., Ohio.

Margaret Priest, daughter of Andrew J. Priest, on Aug. 1, 1889, married James Kauffman, born Feb. 14, 1864. Mr. Kauffman, while engaged primarily in farming, was a skilled stone cutter and carried on his work in the community as a stone mason to a great extent. They lived near Polk, Ohio. They had one child, Flora V. Kauffman, born June 19, 1900, who was employed at office work.

The above Priest family records are all that the writer has in his possession, although he would have liked to obtain more. The fact, however, is not overlooked by the writer that the Priest family are all descendants of the Priest family of MAYFLOWER fame. The original family having come across the ocean to the new world in that ship to colonize Massachusetts in 1620. Herewith, is given a complete and authentic list of the men passengers who landed from the Mayflower: Isaac Allerton, John Billington, William Bradford, William Brewster, Richard Britterage, Peter Brown, John Carver, James Chilton, Richard Clarke, Francis Cook, John Crackston, Edward Dotey, Francis Eaton, Thomas English, Moses Fletcher, Edward Fuller, Samuel Fuller, Richard Gardiner, John Goodman, Stephen Hopkins, John Howland, Edward Leister, Edward Margeson, Christopher Martin, William Mullins, DEGONY PRIEST, John Rigdale, Thomas Rogers, George Soule, Miles Standish, Edward Tilly, John Tilly, Thomas Tinker, John Turner, Richard Warren, William White, Thomas Williams, Edward Winslow and Gilbert Winslow.

Alfred McFadden, second child of Daniel McFadden and Margaret Walter McFadden, was married, but the writer, as before mentioned, has no record of his family. However, he had a daughter, Essa McFadden, born Mar. 11, 1870 who was married on June 29, 1886, to Elmer Christopher Rickett, born July 8, 1865. His occupation was that of farming in Ashland county, Ohio. There was born to this union: Alda Edna Rickett, Dec. 12, 1887; an infant Oct. 16, 1889, that died May 7, 1890; and Ross Alfred Rickett, born June 4, 1891. The infant child lies buried in the Polk cemetery, Ashland Co., O. The address of Essa Rickett was 129 North Grant St., Wooster, Ohio.

Alda Edna Rickett, on June 29, 1911, was married to Arthur F. Bryan, born Dec. 18, 1886. Her occupation before she was married was that of bookkeeper. Her husband was a dealer in gasoline and oil; they lived at 129 North Grant St., Wooster, Ohio..

Ross Alfred Rickett, on Dec. 24, 1914, married Edith E. Reed, a bookkeeper. She was born Apr. 13, 1895. Ross was a security salesman, and his address was 749 Spruce St., Wooster, Ohio. They had two children at the time this information was given the writer: Chester Sin Clair, born Aug. 23, 1916 and Karl Reed, Oct. 11, 1918.

Oliver Burg McFadden, son of Alfred McFadden and sister to Essa was born Dec. 1, 1864 and became united in marriage to Mattie May Rickett, Aug. 19, 1886. His wife was born June 17, 1870. They farmed in Ashland Co., Ohio, where the following children were born into the family: Merthie B. Apr. 8, 1887; Orgie A., Aug. 1, 1888; Ralph, Jan. 19, 1890; and Mary Elizabeth, Oct. 7, 1891. Merthie B. McFadden passed away April 8, 1887, and was buried at Orange, Ashland Co., Ohio. Orgie A. died Aug. 18, 1888, and Ralph McFadden, Aug. 13, 1890, both being interred at Orange.

Mary Elizabeth McFadden on Dec. 24, 1915 married Bryson Wilson Bright, born Aug. 23, 1894, a farmer living near Nankin, Ohio.



Byson McFadden, born Jan. 29, 1878, was united in marriage on Dec. 24, 1903 to Bertha Eby, who was born Jan. 10, 1882. They were engaged in farming near Polk, Ohio. There were five children born to this union: Blanch McFadden, Oct. 21, 1904; Marie McFadden, Jan. 24, 1905; Donald McFadden, June 4, 1910; Helen Ruth, Feb. 8, 1914; and Richard W., July 26, 1918.

This concludes the records of the Daniel McFadden—Margaret Walter McFadden descendents as are in possession of the writer.

#### EDWARD McFADDEN—ELIZABETH WALTER McFADDEN DESCENDENTS

Elizabeth Walter, fifth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, on May 1, 1836 was united in marriage to Edward McFadden, born July 22, 1802, whose occupation was that of a farmer in Ashland county, Ohio. Their last address, when living, was Savannah, Ashland Co., Ohio. To this couple were born the following children: Mary Ann McFadden, Dec. 25, 1837; John, Mar. 11, 1839; and James H., Dec. 11, 1841. John McFadden passed away Jan. 15, 1848, and lies buried in the Savannah cemetery, Ashland Co. James McFadden died Apr. 7, 1906, and was interred in the Reedsburg cemetery, Ashland Co. Edward McFadden's death occurred May 30, 1880, at the age of 78 years.

Mary Ann McFadden was married to John W. Stoops, born Apr. 7, 1834, who was a farmer, having lived in Wayne county, Ohio and afterward moving to De Kalb Co., Ind., near Auburn. The following children were born to this union: Franklin W. Stoops, Feb. 13, 1859; an infant that passed away at birth, May 21, 1861, and was buried in Wayne Co., Ohio; Orpha Aurelia, Nov. 3, 1864; and Charles Osear, Aug. 20, 1868. Orpha A. Stoops was married to a Mr. Reesch; she passed away Aug. 28, 1911, and is buried in Woodlawn cemetery, Auburn, Ind. John W. Stoops died Nov. 12, 1882 and was buried in Cedar Chapel cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind.

James H. McFadden the other child of Edward McFad-

den and Elizabeth Walter McFadden of whom we have any record of descendents, on Nov. 12, 1863 was married to Sarah Garn, born May 30, 1842, and they engaged in farming in Wayne Co., Ohio. His address was Jeromille, Ashland Co., Ohio. The following are their children: Flora Ellen born Aug. 21, 1864; Edward Lovellen, Aug. 7, 1868; Clara Belle, April 18, 1868; John Walter, June 6, 1870; Melvin Leslie, Sept. 5, 1872; Elizabeth May, July 6, 1875; James Edwin, Dec. 19, 1878; Albert Ross, June 19, 1882. Edwin L. McFadden died in 1871 and was buried in the Reedsburg cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio. John Walter McFadden passed away June 6, 1871, being buried at the same place. James McFadden, the father died Apr. 6, 1906; his wife, Sarah on Sept. 12, 1926; both interred in the Reedsburg cemetery.

Flora Ellen McFadden, on Sept. 27, 1884 married Elmer D. Scott, born Nov. 20, 1863, who farmed near Jeromille, Ohio. There were born to them: Wanda Rhea, born Mar. 10, 1886, afterwards becoming a school teacher. She attended King's School of Oratory and Elocution at Pittsburg, Pa.; Cloyd McFadden Scott, born Dec. 13, 1890, attended school at Valparaiso, Ind., and was also a salesman.

Clara Bell McFadden, on Nov. 1895, married Charles Wesley Bower, born Jan. 14, 1866, who was engaged in farming in Wayne county. Clara Bell Bower's address was R. R. 3, Wooster, Ohio. They had born to them one child, which died in infancy, born May 28, 1902, and lies buried in the Reedsburg cemetery, Wayne Co. Ohio.

James Edwin McFadden, seventh child of James McFadden and Sarah Garn, was first married to Alma Aylesworth, born in 1876 and died Nov. 15, 1913. His second marriage was to Verne Stecher on Jan. 4, 1916. Verne was born Oct. 29, 1876, and they were engaged in farming for some time, afterwards living in Wooster, Ohio, 511 North Market St. There were no children by either marriage, that the writer has any record of.

Wayne Fred McFadden, a grandson of Elizabeth and Edward McFadden, was born Mar. 25, 1894; was married



Dec. 1, 1915 to Leola Mae McDaniel, born May 28, 1896. They were engaged in farming near the address given, Homervill Ohio. One child, Eloise Virginia McFadden was born to them Nov. 23, 1918.

This is all the record that the writer has of the descendants of Edward McFadden and Elizabeth Walter McFadden.

#### JOHN McFADDEN—SUSAN WALTER McFADDEN DESCENDENTS

Susan Walter, sixth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was married to John McFadden, and were farmers living in Ashland county, Ohio for many years. There were two children born to them, as follows: James H. McFadden, born Feb. 17, 1837; and Jane McFadden, Apr. 2, 1842.

James H. McFadden, on Apr. 16, 1884 became united in marriage to Sylvia Power, born Dec. 16, 1851. His wife was a seamstress, and James was a school teacher for over thirty years. For a period of thirteen years he was one of the County Board of Examiners for teachers' certificates. There were born to the family two children as follows: Ethel Lillian, July 3, 1885; and Mary Burdella, Feb. 15, 1887. James H. McFadden passed away Feb. 12, 1919 and was interred in the Ashland cemetery, Ashland, Ohio. At the time the information was filed with the writer, Sylvia McFadden lived at 114 East 3rd St. Ashland, Ohio.

Ethel Lillian McFadden, on Mar. 30, 1904, married Carlos Bashford, born Dec. 10, 1883. He was a musician of note, playing with the Orpheum Orchestra at Brooklyn, N. Y. Ethel was a music teacher. There was born to them one child: James Clyde, Feb. 3, 1905, who passed away Mar. 3, 1905 and lies buried in Orange cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio, where they lived.

Mary Burdella McFadden, the second child of James H. McFadden, on June 30, 1913 was united in marriage to Herbert Kline, a musician, born Dec. 10, 1883. They lived at 24 Royal Place, Akron, Ohio.

Jane McFadden, second child of John McFadden and Susan Walter McFadden, on Jan. 30, 1861, was married to Adam Eichelberger, born Sept. 13, 1838. They were engaged in farming in Ashland county, Ohio. The following children were born into their family: Laura A., Jan. 13, 1862; Clinton Orin, Oct. 5, 1870; William F., Nov. 2, 1873; Carrie, Sept. 7, 1876; and Ira Walter, Sept. 10, 1879. Clinton Orin Eichelberger passed away May 30, 1894 and was buried in Red Haw cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio. The father Adam Eichelberger died May 24, 1900, and was interred in the same cemetery. Their address was 820 Union St., Ashland, Ohio.

Laura A. Eichelberger, on Dec. 25, 1884, married Sylvester R. Swaisgood, born Nov. 14, 1861, and their occupation was farming for many years. There were three children born into the family: Grace Joy, Nov. 19, 1887; Forest Leroy, Aug. 15, 1892; Clement Pasco, May 15, 1894. Grace Joy was a saleslady; Forest became a dentist and served in the United States Army; Clement, served in the army, as well, seeing overseas service. They lived at Ashland, Ohio, 822 Union St.

William F. Eichelberger married Phoebe O'Laflin on Dec. 19, 1916. Phoebe was born Nov. 2, 1873. Mr. Eichelberger was a salesman for the John Deere Co. of Moline, Ill. Their address was 45 Clairmont Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Carrie Eichelberger, on Sept. 13, 1910, became married to Earl William Hays, born Sept. 25, 1874. Both were employed by the same company for eight years as saleslady and salesman. Their address was 820 Union St., Ashland, Ohio.

Grace Joy Swaisgood married Milton Thomas on the 24th of Apr., 1913. Mr. Thomas was born Aug. 30, 1886; and he lived the life of a farmer near Ashland, Ohio for years. Their address was 326 East 10th St., Ashland, Ohio.

These are all the records of descendants of John McFadden and Susan Walter McFadden that the writer has. It is an uncommon incident in the history of human re-





lationship, where three sisters of one family marry three members of another family of the same name, as the three daughters of Christian Walter marrying three McFaddens. In addition to that, there was Jacob Walter, a brother of the three sisters, who married a McFadden.

#### PETER WALTER—HESTER CARR DESCENDENTS

Peter Walter, seventh child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was the first white child born in Baughman Township, on March 13, Wednesday, 1816. Christian Walter and the six older children had moved from Pennsylvania, and Grandfather Walter, homesteaded in 1815, Oct. 13, as has already been stated earlier in this book. In 1833, when Peter was seventeen years old, he and his father were sitting up one night in November of that extraordinary year to watch the "stars fall" as it was termed, because of the unusual number of meteors. That particular night Peter's father, Christian, suffered a stroke of paralysis, but not severe enough to be of a serious nature, as he lived nineteen years afterwards.

Members of the Christian Walter family had certain peculiarities. Peter's consisted of his wonderful physical strength for he was able to carry unusual weights with his little finger. On one occasion, as an illustration, at a log-rolling he demonstrated his strength by carrying the largest cast iron kettle, weighing perhaps two hundred or more, with his little finger hooked under the bail.

Peter married Hester Carr during the year 1838 and went to farming in Wayne county, Ohio. He lived on the same farm for forty-nine years, up to the time of his death.

The following children were born into the family: Daniel C., born Jan. 24, 1843; Samuel Burr, Sept. 13, 1845; John D., Jan. 4, 1848; Sarah M., Apr. 2, 1850; Margaret Jane; Catherine, Jan. 25, 1857; Helen; and Jacob, July 1, 1863. Daniel C. Walter died Mar. 8, 1864; Sarah M., on Apr. 30, 1868; and Helen in 1860; all being laid to rest in the Union cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio. Peter Walter died July 25, 1887 and was buried in Union cemetery. Hester Carr Walter passed away in Kansas, to which state she had

moved with some of the children in later years. She was buried in the Sutton cemetery in Lane county, Kansas.

Samuel B. Walter, on Oct. 1, 1868, was married to Minerva E. Winkler, born Jan. 13, 1847, who was a teacher in the public schools as well as a seamstress. Samuel followed the teaching profession for some time then turned to carpenter work. His address was 1601 9th St., Wichita Falls, Texas. There were born to them the following children: Wesley Peter Walter on Mar. 8, 1871, who died at birth; Clementine Medora, July 28, 1872; and Charles Burtnett, July 4, 1879. Wesley Peter Walter was buried in Union Church cemetery, Green Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Minerva E. Walter the mother and wife, passed away May 5, 1891, being laid to rest in the Dighton cemetery, Lane county, Kansas.

Clementine Medora Walter, on Nov. 26, 1891, was married to Jacob J. Simon, born June 21, 1861. He was a farmer and raised stock quite extensively for a time and was also engaged in the realty business.

Charles Burtnett Walter, on Dec. 25, 1902, married Sadie J. Forrer, born Sept. 3, 1882. He is Vice President and General Manager of a corporation in Detroit, Mich., and lived at 2695 Montgomery Ave. Their children are as follows: Ariel M. E. Walter, born Dec. 29, 1903; Leah J. C., Nov. 29, 1906; Burwell J., June 13, 1909; Jeanne Allarae, Aug. 21, 1921. Leah J. C. Walter passed away Oct. 21, 1909, and lies at rest in Crown Hill cemetery, Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio.

John D. Walter, third child of Peter Walter and Hester Carr Walter, was married to Minerva Augusta Walter in 1871. The date of her birth is 1854. They farmed in Wayne Co., Ohio for some time, then later after the death of his wife, John moved to Kansas. Minerva Augusta passed away Aug. 11, 1880, and was buried in the Union Church cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio. John D. Walter died Jan. 28, 1912 and was interred in the Germantown cemetery at Kensington, Smith Co., Kansas. Their two children were:



15, 1879.

Sarah Jane Walter has been located in St. Paul, Minn., where she has been conducting Keister's Ladies Tailoring College, 606-7 Chamber of Commerce Building, and with great success for many years.

David Walter, fifth son of Peter Walter and Hester Carr Walter, on Dec. 16, 1880, married Mary Bixler, born Sept. 26, 1857. David was engaged in farming near Harper, Kansas. The following children were born into the family: Harry Elmer, born Nov. 11, 1884 who afterwards became District Court Judge; Ada, May 24, 1886; Ray, Apr. 5, 1889; and Mabel, Feb. 14, 1894, a school teacher. Ray Walter died Mar. 27, 1905 and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Harper, Harper Co., Kansas.

Harry Elmer Walter taught school nine years, three years in Harper county, Kansas, and six years as Superintendent of the Syracuse Schools; served two terms, 1911 to 1915 as County Treasurer; was admitted to the bar in June 1916; served as Hamilton County's member of the legislature 4 years, 1923 to 1926; was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House during 1925 and 1926; was elected Judge of the 32nd Judicial District of Kansas in November, 1926 and took office in January, 1927, serving very nearly his eighth year when he died Nov. 21, 1934, after a lingering illness. Judge Walter had six district courts in his district, comprising the counties of Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Finney, Kearney and Hamilton. He was exceedingly popular as evidenced by his reelection for his third term without opposition. He was married December 22, 1906 to Martha Lucile Ward, born Jan. 27, 1884. She was a graduate of the old Central Normal College of Great Bend, Kansas in the Class of 1902. She taught school two terms before her marriage. The following children were born into their family: Virginia Ward, Oct. 19, 1907; Dorothy Orrila, Dec. 22, 1909; Mary Elizabeth, Apr. 15, 1912; Martha Lucile, Apr. 10, 1915; Harriet Jane, Nov. 4, 1917; Eleanor Jean, Feb. 20, 1922. The last named,

Eleanor Jean, passed away July 30, 1924, and was buried at Syracuse, Kansas. Judge Walter was also buried at Syracuse, which had long been his home.

Ada Walter, second child of David Walter, on Mar. 3, 1915 was united in marriage to Ellis B. Rohrer, born June 18, 1887. Mr. Rohrer was a refrigerating engineer by occupation. They had one child, David Walter born Dec. 19, 1915. Ada Walter taught in the Public Schools before her marriage. Their address was, 419 Jefferson Ave., Houston, Texas.

Catherine Walter, seventh child in the family of Peter Walter and Hester Carr Walter, was united in marriage to Amos Root, a carpenter, on Feb. 17, 1876. Mr. Root was born Aug. 9, 1850. One child was born to them, Helen S. Root, June 28, 1878, who later conducted a millinery business. Their address is Kalispell, Mont.

Jacob Walter, ninth child of Peter Walter, on Oct. 18, 1885, became united in marriage to Sarah A. Markly, who was born Jan. 11, 1868. Jacob lived at Orrville, Ohio, where he was employed as foreman for a corporation that manufactured pumps, drills and other machinery. There were born into this family the following children: Lester Emil, Sept. 13, 1886; Lewis Earl, Nov. 20, 1890; Elsie Ruth, Jan. 1, 1895; Evelyn H., Apr. 20, 1905. Lester Emil Walter died Apr. 18, 1887, and was buried at Sutton, Lane Co., Kans. Elsie Ruth Walter passed away June 1, 1895; and Sarah Walter, mother and wife, passed away Apr. 24, 1910; both being interred in Crown Hill cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.



## CHAPTER VII

### JOSEPH WALTER—SARAH NIXON WALTER

JOSEPH WALTER, eighth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Apr. 19, 1817. He received the average schooling of a youth of his time, but was never content unless he could learn something additional throughout his life. He was considerable of a thinker particularly along matters theological. Accordingly, he felt called upon and did conduct church services, doing the preaching himself, in his community. That the meetings were well attended is evident, for tradition has it that he constructed a building on his own land in which to conduct services. He was united in marriage to Sarah Nixon, Nov. 8, 1838, and they settled down to farming first in Wayne county, Ohio, then later in De Kalb county, Ind. to which place they moved, settling near Auburn. Mrs. Nixon Walter was born April 8, 1821, and became a faithful wife and mother. She passed away June 12, 1888, surviving her husband by six years, he having died Dec. 31, 1882. Both were interred in Evergreen cemetery, Auburn, De Kalb county, Ind.

The following children were born to them: John, Nov. 20, 1839; Cyrus C., Nov. 26, 1840; Nancy, Aug. 27, 1842; Rebecca, Apr. 26, 1844; Margaret Ann, Nov. 19, 1845; Mary Jane, Feb. 8, 1848; Joseph J., Nov. 9, 1849; Eliza Walter, Nov. 27, 1851; Sarah M., Jan. 29, 1854; Malinda, Jan. 18, 1856; Harriet, Apr. 19, 1858; Rocella, July 17, 1860; Elmer E., Sept. 5, 1862; Ellen Walter, June 16, 1866.

John Walter died July 15, 1840 and was buried in Wayne county, Ohio. Harriet passed away Sept. 24, 1878 and Joseph J., June 1, 1899; both are buried in the Evergreen cemetery, at Auburn, Ind. Mary J. Walter Stafford passed away May 29, 1900, and lies buried in Woodlawn cemetery Auburn, Ind. Cyrus C. Walter died June 7, 1907, and rests in Evergreen cemetery the same place.

Nancy Walter, third child of Joseph and Sarah Nixon





Walter, on May 22, 1862, married Samuel J. Tarney, born Feb. 4, 1841, and engaged in farming near Warsaw, their address, De Kalb county, Ind. The following children were born to them: Sarah Elizabeth, Mar. 8, 1863, who later married a Mr. Campbell; Cora Oliver, born Apr. 12, 1869, married a Mr. Henes; Walter Marion, Oct. 5, 1866; Estella May, Oct. 12, 1874, afterwards became a teacher; Joseph Byron, Sept. 12, 1876; and Francis Marian, Oct. 1, 1883. Walter Marion Tarney died in 1870, being interred in the Bear Creek cemetery, Jackson Twp., De Kalb county, Ind. Samuel J. Tarney passed away Aug. 12, 1915 and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery, De Kalb Co.

Joseph Byron Tarney, son of Nancy, on Nov. 28, 1912 was married to Lucy Genevieve Van Wart, born Aug. 6. 1887. Joseph graduated from the University of Indiana in the Class of 1902; received his M. A. degree from Columbia University, New York, in 1911. He graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, Class of 1912. Mr. Tarney has been Director of Religious Education since Sept. 1912, and at the time of the filing of this information blank, was located at Manchester, New Hampshire, where he was Director of Religious Education in the Franklin Street Congregational Church. The following children were born into the Tarney family: Van Wart, Nov. 25, 1914; Elizabeth Mackenzie, Jan. 15, 1916. Van Wart Tarney passed away Feb. 15, 1915 and was buried at Waterville, Carlton county, New Brunswick, Canada.

Francis Marian Tarney, daughter of Nancy Walter Tarney, on Aug. 12, 1903 married Edward C. Peters, born Mar. 5, 1882. They were engaged in farming near Auburn, Ind. Their children are: Walter William, born Mar. 12, 1904; Helen Pauline, Oct. 7, 1906; and two infants that died at birth, Sept. 28, 1908 and July 14, 1913; both being buried in Woodlawn cemetery at Auburn cemetery at Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind. William Walter Peters passed away Mar. 15, 1916 and was likewise interred there, as was the mother, Francis M. Peters, who died Feb. 6, 1915.

Rebecca Walter, fourth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Oct. 8, 1863, married George S.

Morr, born Oct. 10, 1839. Mr. Morr was a farmer, living in De Kalb Co., Ind. for many years. The following children were born to them: Sarah Magdalene, born Aug. 14, 1864, who married a Mr. Grate, and lived at 110 N. Ind. Ave. Auburn Ind.; Joseph Ellsworth, born Aug. 25, 1867, a doctor, who died April 13, 1906 and is buried at Auburn in Concord cemetery; Samuel Franklin born Mar. 12, 1869; John Walter born Nov. 2, 1870; George Henry, born Sept. 25, 1872, and passed away June 26, 1916 and lies buried in Woodlawn cemetery, Auburn; Mercy Jane, Aug. 14, 1874, died June 24, 1877, interment, Concord cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind.; and Peter R., born June 12, 1875, a grocery salesman. One pair of twins died in infancy, July 23, 1865. The father, George S. Morr, passed away Apr. 30, 1878 and is buried in the Concord cemetery, De Kalb, County Ind.

Rebecca Walter Morr later married Nathan Jetmore in 1882, and to them were born two children, Myda May Jetmore who married a Mr. McCue of Garret, Ind. and Daniel M. Jetmore, who served in the World War.

Samuel Franklin Morr, son of Rebecca by first marriage, on June 27, 1891, married Effie Provines, born May 2, 1874. They farmed in De Kalb Co., Ind. The following are their children: Nellie Morr, born Apr. 4, 1892; Frank S., June 10, 1893, a farmer; Walter Jay, Apr. 16, 1895, a mechanic; Tom Alexander, Nov. 26, 1897, became a farmer; Magdalene Maybelle, Mar. 11, 1901; Mildred Edna, July 29, 1906, Donald Provines, Sept. 29, 1908; and Anna R., June 15, 1914. Nellie Morr passed away July 19, 1892 at Concord, DeKalb Co. and lies buried in the Morr cemetery.

John Walter Morr, fourth child of Geo. S. and Rebecca Walter Morr on Jan. 1, 1891, married Amanda Koch, born Mar. 7, 1872. John W. Morr is a physician and surgeon, and served as County Health Officer of Noble Co., Ind. for some time, living at Alajon, Ind. Dr. and Mrs. Morr were born on farms in Oak Co., Ind., and were farmers before entering college. Dr. Morr attended Tailor University of Ft. Wayne, Ind., now a part of De Pauw University. He graduated from the Fort Wayne Medical College. The



following children were born into their family: Grace Vera Morr, Mar. 7, 1891; Mary Blanch, Sept. 26, 1892; Justin W., May 12, 1899; Evelyn Burdette, Oct. 21, 1903; Ogden Estell, June 19, 1909. Grace Vera Morr died June 7, 1893 and buried in Concord cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind. Two children of this family have wedded.

Mary Blanch Morr was married to Claud C. Mason, Mar. 23, 1913; Justin W. Morr and Helen Baker were married Aug. 10, 1917.

Peter W. Morr, seventh child of Geo. S. and Rebecca Morr, on Jan. 12, 1901 married Allie Kessler, born Mar. 17, 1879. Peter W. was a salesman. There were three children born to this union: Ralph Leslie, Jan. 18, 1902; Dorothy Minerva, Oct. 28, 1904; and Russell Jay, Nov. 8, 1912.

Margaret Ann Walter, fifth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Apr. 9, 1865, married James L. Ferguson, born Oct. 22, 1841. They engaged in farming in De Kalb Co., Ind. near Auburn.

The following children were born into the family: Sarah E. Ferguson, Nov. 5, 1867; Harry Jane, July 13, 1868; Joseph Walter, Sept. 1, 1871; Elmer Ellsworth, Oct. 19, 1874; Leroy Victor, Aug. 27, 1877; and Thomas Lankeston, June 19, 1880. Sarah Eliza Ferguson passed away Mar. 18, 1880, and Elmer Ellsworth, Nov. 19, 1874; both are buried in Evergreen cemetery, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind. James Ferguson the father died June 14, 1907, and interred at the same place.

Mary Jane Ferguson, on Apr. 17, 1892, was married to Emmet Kosht, born Oct. 25, 1868. Mr. Kosht is a Supervisor and Road Contractor; and at times engaged in running a threshing outfit. One child was born to them, Walter Markley, June 28, 1904; another, an infant daughter died in infancy, Dec. 12, 1892 and lies buried in Chapel cemetery, Union, De Kalb Co., Ind.

Joseph Walter Ferguson, on Dec. 21, 1890, married Cora I. Kosht, born June 14, 1871. Mr. Ferguson is a Minister. To them two children were born: Jestus A., Sept. 17,

1891, who became a clerk, and passing away Apr. 24, 1910, was buried in Woodlawn cemetery at Auburn; Ford M., was born Feb. 6, 1909.

Thomas Lancaster Ferguson, on Apr. 13, 1900, married Mary Lulu Jones, born July 27, 1881. They settled down to farming.

Joseph J. Walter, seventh child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Jan. 6, 1879, was united in marriage to Miranda M. Moody of Keyser Twp. De Kalb county, Ind. They settled down to farming on a 85-acre tract of land within sight of his childhood home. His wife was born Feb. 18, 1855. The following are their children: James Austin born Nov. 18, 1879, became an engineer on the B. & O. R.R. and was married to Mary Krider of Richland Twp., De Kalb county. They reside at Garrett, Ind. They have two sons, Victor Murwood Walter and Ned Walter. The second child, of Joseph J. Walter is Joseph Franklin Walter, born Mar. 25, 1881; Daisy May, third child, born Nov. 18, 1883; Georgia Marie Walter, Sept. 26, 1887, became a school teacher; Eva Alida Walter, Mar. 13, 1889; and Wilbur Emmett Walter, Feb. 23, 1895, who later received training at Vancouver, Wash., for service in the World War.

Joseph J. Walter died June 1, 1899, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.

Joseph Franklin Walter, second child of Joseph J. Walter and Miranda Moody Walter, was born in Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.; on the farm where his mother resided at the time of the filing of his family information with the writer. He died at his home in Willard, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1918 at the age of 36 years 7 months and 22 days, being born Mar. 25, 1882.

On Dec. 20, 1902 he was married to Miss Edith Maurer, the only daughter of Cyrus and Ada Maurer. To this union were born six children: Vera Marguerite, Aug. 4, 1904; Joseph Dale, Dec. 9, 1906; Robert Carl, June 19, 1908; Bertha Elmore, Sept. 28, 1911; Dorothy Mabel, Aug. 23, 1913 and Kenneth Durwayne. After his marriage, Joseph Franklin Walter moved to Auburn Jct., thence to Eascom, O.,





from there to Hoytsville, and lastly to Willard, O. Owing to the fact that he was working for the B. & O. R. R. Co., as Ticket Agent, is the reason for so many changes, as that is railroad custom. Joseph began as a section hand and worked his way to the position which he held at his death. That he was esteemed by his superiors in railroad work, is evidenced by the statement of the terminal Trainmaster of the Chicago Division, that Mr. Walter was a success in every way and that the Chicago division had lost its best man holding that position.

While at Hoytsville, Mr. Walter served as town councilman and was also a member of the school board, and president of the Red Cross organization of that city. He was a most devout husband and father and a very affectionate son, standing firmly for what was right, and during the Temperance campaign in De Kalb county he was one of the most enthusiastic workers.

Daisy M. Walter, third child of Joseph J. Walter, was born in Noble county, Nov. 18, 1883, and was united in marriage Nov. 11, 1903 to Orange Bailey Carnahan of Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. Mr. Carnahan was engaged in farming on their own farm near Spencerville, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co. He was born July 28, 1881. Daisy, his wife, was a teacher before her marriage. They had one child Glenn O. Carnahan, born Feb. 24, 1905. Upon his farm Mr. Carnahan has made a specialty of raising blooded, registered stock. While he is interested in Chester White swine of the smooth type, and as well, oxforddown sheep, that are beauties, his wife is equally as proud of her Rhode Island Red chickens. The stock is all registered.

Eva Alida Walter, fifth child of Joseph J. Walter, graduated from Auburn High School in 1908. After teaching school five years, she was united in marriage to Ivan F. Culbertson of Jackson Twp., on Apr. 29, 1913. They reside on their own farm near their childhood home.

Sarah M. Walter, ninth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Mar. 26, 1874, married John W. Lawhead, born Oct. 10, 1848. He was a farmer for a num-

ber of years and finally retired, living at 342 W. 9th St., Auburn, Ind. There were born to this union the following children: Maggie Metcalf Lawhead, Jan. 11, 1875; Nina Krider nee Lawhead, June 22, 1880; Blanche Shroyer nee Lawhead, Dec. 20, 1883; and Mary Reasoner, nee Lawhead, Nov. 30, 1887. The writer does not possess the record of Maggie Metcalf or Mary Reasoner—only those of the other two daughters.

Nina May Lawhead, on Apr. 2, 1903, married Winfield Krider, born Sept. 12, 1880. Mr. Krider was foreman in an Automobile factory, and his address was 325 Phillips Ave., Auburn, Ind.

Blanche E. Lawhead, on Mar. 31, 1904, was united in marriage to Augustus P. Shroyer, Oct. 3, 1874. Mr. Shroyer was a patternmaker by trade. His address was 431 Jessie St., Pontiac, Mich.

Malinda Walter, tenth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Dec. 9, 1875, was married to John H. Farver, born Aug. 30, 1853. They farmed for many years near Auburn, after which they retired and their address was 626 Van Buren St., Auburn, Ind. The following are their children: Joseph Josiah Farver, born Nov. 25, 1877; Elsie Pearl, Jan. 24, 1879; Ernest Frank, Feb. 27, 1881; Forest Elisha, Mar. 15, 1884; Leroy, Dec. 19, 1886; James Isaac, Apr. 24, 1889; and Cora Grace, Dec. 3, 1894. Elsie Pearl Farver died July 28, 1879; Leroy, Dec. 21, 1886; and James Isaac, Apr. 26, 1889; all being laid to rest in the Spencerville cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind.

Ernest F. Farver, on Mar. 16, 1903, married Hallie M. Nilson, born June 26, 1884. They were farming near Auburn, Ind. Four children are as follows: John William, born Mar. 1905; Beulah May, born in Mar. 1906; James Henry, Apr. 28, 1912, and Gladys A. July 5, 1915. Two children died in infancy, John William Farver and Beulah, who were both interred in the Spencerville cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind.

Forest Elisha Farver married Lalia M. Koons, born Sept. 21, 1884, on Sept. 29, 1911. They were farmers and





lived near Auburn, Ind. Their three children are as follows: John Robert, born July 13, 1912; Jacob Leroy, July 13, 1912 (twins) and Luella Orpha, Apr. 28, 1916.

Elmer Ellsworth Walter, thirteenth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, was united in marriage on Jan. 2, 1891 to Matilda Osburn, who was born May 16, 1874. Elmer E. Walter was engaged in farming near Auburn, Ind., his address. Their three children are as follows: Grover Cyrus, born Oct. 13, 1891; Mina May, Jan. 14, 1893, who afterwards married a Mr. Warstler of Auburn; Hurby Albert, July 15, 1896. All the children are farmers, and their addresses were Auburn, Ind.

Grover Cleveland Walter was first married to Edna Olive Farver, born Nov. 6, 1889, on Apr. 17, 1912. There were the following children as a result of this union: Howard Elmer, born Nov. 22, 1913; Ford Farver Walter, Dec. 16, 1915; Helen Walter Nov. 3, 1918; Ruth Walter, Mar. 4, 1920. Grover Walter lived the life of a farmer in De Kalb county, Ind. Edna Olive Walter, his wife passed away Jan. 18, 1926, and was buried at New Ville, Ind. in River View cemetery, De Kalb county.

Grover C. Walter was again united in marriage Jan. 3, 1929, to Ruth Delight Houghton, born Sept. 20, 1903, to which union was born Frank Edgar Walter, born Jan. 5, 1930; *Elmer E. Walter, born April 17, 1933*

Ellen Walter, fourteenth child of Joseph Walter and Sarah Nixon Walter, on Apr. 2, 1885 was united in marriage to James Reed, born Jan. 1, 1863. By occupation, Mr. Reed was a stationary fireman, and his address was Fort Wayne, Ind., 105 E. Superior St. Two children were born into the family: Charles Elmer, Feb. 27, 1881, who became a barber and Ralph Raymond, born Dec. 3, 1888, a switchman in later years.

Roy Provines, born Nov. 19, 1882, was united in marriage on Mar. 8, 1908 to Henrietta Smurr, born Jan. 18, 1884. Mrs. Provines was formerly a school teacher. They farmed near Auburn, Ind. after their marriage. Her school teaching experience consisting of six years in the De Kalb county

public schools and three years in the city schools of Auburn, Ind. They had two children, Harry Leroy, born Aug. 18, 1908; and Paul Alexander, June 23, 1914.

Alva F. Grogg, born July 3, 1882, was married to Ada R. Smurr, born May 27, 1885, on the 29th day of April, 1905. Three children were born to them: Edgar Grogg and Edward Grogg (twins), Mar. 14, 1909; Ruth Naimo, Jan. 1, 1917. Their address is Auburn, Ind., near which city they are engaged in farming.

Ada R. Smurr and Henerietta Smurr are great great granddaughters of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, but the writer has not the records that show what the lineal descent is.



## CHAPTER VIII

### LEWIS KEISTER WALTER—MARY ANN WILFORD DESCENDENTS. BIOGRAPHY OF LEWIS KEISTER WALTER AND WIFE, MARY ANN WILFORD

TO the union of Lewis Keister Walter and his wife, Mary Ann, were born nine children. Mary Elizabeth was the oldest of whom mention will be made later. Lewis Keister was born Feb. 19, 1819 in the state of Ohio, Wayne county, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1815, Christian Walter, his father, had preempted some land, as had been mentioned before, one mile north of what is now Burton City. On that land they built a log cabin, where they lived for several years and Lewis grew to manhood. Later they sold that land and purchased a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, where they built another log cabin. That land joined onto the farm owned by Joseph Wilford, father of Mary Ann.

Joseph Wilford took an active interest in politics and was elected to the State Senate, representing Wayne county. For that reason he was known and spoken of as Senator Wilford. He also took an active interest in school work, being a member of the school board that gave the author of this book his first position as teacher.

As an example of Americanization the fact is surprising, that Lewis Walter could speak the German fluently, as well as could the older children of the family. However, the younger members could not, by reason of the fact, that when they began to learn to talk, the rest of the family had begun to speak English.

At this time in his life Lewis Walter had reached manhood, and his thoughts were for the future. After his marriage to Mary Ann Wilford, daughter of Senator Wilford, they commenced to keep house on land owned by the Taggart family. The land adjoined Christian Walter's farm on



the west. From that place they moved to a log schoolhouse on land owned by Isaac Winger. Sometime later, Lewis Walter bought land of his father upon which he put up a building and moved there, occupying the place for several years. This farm is located just south of Christian Walter's estate and adjoins it.

Some time later they made sale of their personal property and moved to what was known as the Killbuck farm, located eight miles south and a bit west of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. That was in the year 1869. They purchased that farm and lived there for several years. Finally in 1875 they held a sale but did not dispose of their land.

That same year they moved to Nebraska with their children and sons-in-law, making the journey in covered wagons, being on the road six weeks. Lewis' brother John had already moved to Nebraska several years previously. They were all anxious to go West, having heard of the wonderful opportunities that existed in the western states, and were satisfied and contented after they had finally reached their new location. There were nine covered wagons in the train from Ohio to the new location in Nebraska, practically all members of the same family.

They underwent the usual hardships attending a long overland trip of that sort, when the roads were nothing to be compared to those of today. Through the rains and winds of stormy weather the wagon made slow progress, but they were cheered by the distance covered during the fair weather periods.

After reaching Nebraska they all farmed there one year, and then, all the members moved onward into Kansas, with the exception of one family. They stayed in Nebraska. Those that came to Kansas, settled in Smith county.

After filing for his claim, Lewis Walter prepared to erect a sod house into which they moved after having lived in their covered wagon in the meantime. The house was oblong in form, one end resting on his homestead, the other end resting on the land of his daughter, Mary Elizabeth

Walter. It was her idea of constructing the sod house and locating it to such a good advantage, that it served the dual purpose as a habitation for the two homesteads.

At the date of his death, Lewis Keister Walter owned 680 acres of land in the state of Kansas. He died Aug. 7, 1894, and his body lies beside that of his wife in the Germantown cemetery, Kensington, Kansas. His wife departed from this life Feb. 14, 1899.

Nine children were born to this union, of which two are living, Mrs. Cassa Eliza Mize of Moreland, Okla., and Samuel Leo Walter, who owns a good farm and residence, adjoining the city of Kensington, Smith Co., Kansas.

#### BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF MARY ELIZABETH WALTER

Miss Mary Elizabeth Walter was the daughter of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Walter nee Wilford. In her early life a surgical operation for an eye affliction left her sightless. However, the loss of the use of her eyes did not prevent her from being useful, because of her energetic habits. She was of a kind disposition and possessed affable ways and manners, and will always be remembered for those qualities by her many friends and acquaintances. She was ever jovial and spoke a good word for every person.

She could go through the entire house, open or close the doors or windows; could make the beds in the different rooms to perfection; tuck the coverlid around the bed and the spread would not show a wrinkle. When washing clothes she would gather them together to be washed. When milking time came, she would take a pail and assist in that chore, as would any other person, except for the single request, that she be led to the cow. From then on she was perfectly at ease with the job. She could and did make several different articles with assorted colored beads, and designed perfectly. She gave me a basket made of beads for a present; it had a handle with which it could be carried or through which the arm could be slipped. The basket was indeed a beautiful piece of workmanship, made





of different colored beads, strung on wire. That her work was not haphazard, was evident from the different designs which contained the exact number of necessary colored beads. There is hardly any question but what such effort and accomplishment would be characterized as art.

She was never instructed in the playing of a musical instrument yet could play the dulcimer or organ with ease. She had a splendid voice and her singing was excellent, as many, who were at the Walter reunion in Sanders county, can state. At this gathering of over three hundred relatives at the home of William Walter, son of John Walter, she acted as mistress of the ceremonies in addition to taking part in the program.

In the community she was regarded with the highest esteem because of her accomplishments and lovable ways. Her passing left a feeling of loneliness in the hearts of not only the members of the family but of all who knew her. She departed this life, Aug. 19, 1882, and was interred in the Germantown cemetery at Kensington, Smith county, Kansas.

Lewis Keister Walter, ninth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was married to Mary Wilford, Mar. 19, 1840. To that union were born the following children: May Elizabeth, Nov. 17, 1841; Sarah A., Mar. 2, 1844; Joseph Christian, Dec. 25, 1846; Cassa Eliza, Sept. 24, 1849; Rachel Ann, Mar. 23, 1852; Samuel Legrand, May 14, 1855; Nancy Minerva, Nov. 19, 1857; Clarinda Alice, Sept. 11, 1861; Lily May, Oct. 4, 1863.

Clarinda Alice Walter died Sept. 27, 1878; May Elizabeth Walter died Aug. 19, 1882; both being buried in Germantown cemetery near Kensington, Smith Co., Kansas. Lewis Keister Walter passed away Aug. 7, 1894, and the faithful wife and mother Feb. 14, 1897, both being laid to rest in the Germantown cemetery.

Sarah Ann Walter, second child of Lewis Walter and Mary Ann Wilford, in 1860 married Robert McFillan, born Dec. 8, 1839. He was a carpenter by trade and was also a veteran of the Civil War. There were two children born to them: Rose F., Jan. 27, 1861; and Walter D., Aug. 13,

1866; both of whom became farmers. Sarah McFillan passed away July 4, 1880 and was buried at Kensington, in the Germantown cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas. Robert McFillan passed away Feb. 3, 1918 and was buried in the Leavenworth National Military cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rose F. McFillan, on Jan. 10, 1877, was married to Ezekiel McFillan, born Mar. 27, 1849. They engaged in farming near Agra, Kansas. !

The following children resulted from this union: Charlie M., born Nov. 4, 1877; Roy L., June 12, 1879; Claud D., Nov. 27, 1882; Ray W., Oct. 4, 1886; Ethel M., Jan. 27, 1888; Pael E., Dec. 7, 1890; Eva G., Dec. 4, 1893; Paul H., Apr. 12, 1899. Charlie M. McFillan passed away July 29, 1878; Claud D., July 24, 1885; both being buried in the Germantown cemetery, Kensington, Smith County, Kansas. Eva G. McFillan died Nov. 24, 1896 and was buried in the Franklin cemetery at Franklin, Nebr.

Roy Lewis McFillan married Myrtle D. White, born Oct. 28, 1881, on Jan. 1, 1903. They were farmers and lived near Athol, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Eva Fay; Willard Lawrence, Oct. 2, 1907; Esther Almira, Oct. 3, 1911; Howard Nathan, Oct. 6, 1915.

Ray Walter McFillan, on Apr. 4, 1914, married Miss Irene Hogan, born Jan. 4, 1893. Two children were born to this union: Dorothy Rose, July 19, 1915; and William Ray, Jan. 30, 1921. Ray Walter McFillan passed away Sept. 18, 1920 and was interred in Forest Lawn cemetery, Omaha, Nebr. They resided at 4528 N. 21st. St., Omaha, Nebraska

Ethel M. McFillan, on Aug. 22, 1906, married William Leigh McCroy, born Mar. 22, 1886, and they settled down to farming near Agra, Kansas. They have one child, Ira Albert McCroy, born July 22, 1910.

Pearl McFillan, on Dec. 25, 1910, was married to Claude Ames Steele, born Aug. 25, 1887, a creamery operator at Craig, Colo. They have the following children born to them: Evelyn, Nov. 9, 1911; Gertrude Helema, May 15, 1913; Gerald Leeland, May 31, 1915; Lucile Elese, May 6, 1917.



Joseph Christian Walter, third child of Louis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on Feb. 6, 1868, was married to Harriet Hawk, born Sept. 14, 1849. They were farmers near Milton, Ore., which was their address. The following children resulted from this union: Oscar Hawk Walter, Dec. 25, 1863; Howard Lewis Walter, Mar. 6, 1871; Warren Musser Walter, Apr. 5, 1875; Ralph Wilford Walter, Apr. 5, 1875 (twins); and Clarence David, Apr. 13, 1877.

Joseph Christian Walter passed away May 1, 1900 at Milton, Ore., and Harriet Hawk Walter, Aug. 3, 1930, both being interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Milton, Umatilla Co., Oregon.

Oscar Hawk Walter, on Dec. 1, 1904, married Cora Emma Thomason, born Feb. 20, 1880. Their address is Freewater, Oregon.

Howard Lewis Walter married Inga Maxwell, born Feb. 24, 1866. The following children were born to them: Ashley Joseph, Feb. 17, 1894; Lyla Walter, July 10, 1895; and Evelyn, Mar. 1, 1900.

Ashley Joseph Walter, on Sept. 21, 1921, married Mabel Francis Hinkel, born Jan. 24, 1899. She was a dressmaker before marriage; and Ashley was a blacksmith. His address was: 281 W. 119th St. New York City. The following are their children: Frances Mabel born Apr. 5, 1924; Audrey Grace, July 10, 1925; Beta Mae, Apr. 10, 1927; Marilyn Joan, July 13, 1930.

Lyla Beatrice Walter, on Jan. 26, 1913, married Virgil Stilson, born Apr. 26, 1892. They settled down to farming near Steptoe, Wash. The following are their children: Brooks Leroy, born Jan. 30, 1914; Frances Louise, Nov. 19, 1914; Beatrice De Etta, Nov. 19, 1914 (twins); Mary Jane, June 8, 1916; Jack Howard, May 23, 1921; Lyla May, Feb. 9, 1926; Hetty Fairchild, Feb. 6, 1927; Mary Jane Stilson passed away Mar. 23, 1917 and was buried at Colfax, Whitman county, Wash.

Evelyn De Etta Walter, third child of Howard Lewis Walter, on Oct. 16, 1919, was married to James Benson

Ronald, born Oct. 16, 1892. Miss Evelyn De Etta Walter before marriage worked in the National City Bank of Seattle several years. Mr. Ronald is a World War veteran, having served in the Rainbow Division in France and Germany and on the front line in five different sectors. After marriage they settled down to farming near Centralia, Wash. They had one daughter, Darlene Lahoma, born July 27, 1920.

Ralph Wilford Walter, fourth child of Joseph Christian Walter and Harriet Hawk Walter, on July 4, 1906 was married to Cora Etta Demaris, born Mar. 29, 1877. Cora was a school teacher before marriage, after which they engaged in the raising and specializing in Durham beef cattle. They had three children: Dorothy Albertine, Aug. 7, 1908; Esther Delphine, Aug. 10, 1910; and Elva Jaunita, Aug. 29, 1913. Their address, Milton Ore.

Clarence David Walter, fifth son of Joseph Christian Walter and Harriet Hawk Walter, on January 21, 1898, married Myrtle Belle St. George, born Feb. 25, 1878. They were farmers and lived near Milton, Ore. Three children were born to them: Glen Vivian, Nov. 28, 1898; Calvin Christian, Mar. 20, 1901; and Maxwell George, Mar. 7, 1910. Calvin Christian died Apr. 21, 1901 and was interred in the Nez Perce cemetery, Nez Perce, Idaho.

Cassa Eliza Walter, fourth child of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on the 10th of Nov., 1863 was united in marriage to John Hurst, born Mar. 14, 1848. They settled down to farming and to them were born the following children: Eugene D., Sept. 1, 1869; Ernest G., Apr. 20, 1873; Owen V., Nov. 25, 1875; Ruth Z., Feb. 7, 1886; Louis W., Feb. 27, 1888; Oliver P., Mar. 14, 1891. Of these children only one had passed away at the time the writer received a report from them. Ruth Z. Hurst passed away Feb. 23, 1891 and was interred in the Sunrise cemetery at Wahoo, Sanders Co., Nebraska. John Hurst died June 8, 1892, Wahoo, Nebraska.

Lewis Walter Hurst, on Oct. 28, 1918, was married to Ellen Sarah Riggs, born Nov. 23, 1893. They became





farmers near Mutual, Okla. To them were born the following children: Leona Helen, Jan. 15, 1913; Jaunita Velma, Dec. 4, 1915; Lewis Walter, Jr., Feb. 18, 1918; and Louise Mosine, Oct. 20, 1920.

Rachel A. Walter, fifth child of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on Oct. 12, 1871 was united in marriage to Thomas J. Finegan, born May 12, 1850, in New York City. They were married at Bristol, Ohio. To them were born the following children: Walter M., Aug. 11, 1872; Ella M., June 27, 1875; Guy O., May 17, 1878; Edna M., Oct. 20, 1881; Max J. May 12, 1889. Max J. Finegan is a grain dealer, but do not have any further information. Rachel Finegan passed away Oct. 25, 1925 and was buried in the North Chapel cemetery, Woodward county, Oklahoma. The address of Mr. Finegan who is still living or was quite recently, is Mutual, Oklahoma. Edna Finegan married a Mr. Stocking.

Walter Finegan, on Sept. 23, 1894 was married to Ida M. Matherly. Mr. Finegan is a barber by trade and engages in real estate brokerage from time to time. He lives in Manhattan, Kansas.

Ella M. Finegan, on June 27, 1875, was married to Bert H. Trumbley, born Sept. 10, 1874. Mr. Trumbley was a real estate dealer and they lived at 2275 W. St. Lincoln, Nebr. Four children were born to them: Edna M. Trumbley, Dec. 3, 1896; Lyle P., born July 18, 1898, Guy Walter, Jan. 9, 1900; Esther M., Jan. 10, 1910. Guy Walter Trumbley passed away Sept. 23, 1900, and was buried at Wahoo, Saunders Co., Nebr.

Esther M. Trumbley Haines, on July 19, 1929, was married to Tom O. Stocking, who was born Nov. 23, 1907. Mr. Stocking is a barber by trade, and their address in 324½ Houston St., Manhattan, Kansas.

Samuel Legrand Walter, sixth child of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on Sept. 17, 1879, was married to Susan Cornelia Perkins, born Mar. 2, 1861. Samuel was an architect and carried on farming quite extensively. Their address was Kensington, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Charlie Lee, born

July 24, 1880; Maggie May, born May 10, 1892; Joseph Cyrus, Mar. 28, 1884; Ruth Wilbur, Oct. 10, 1889. Charlie Lee Walter died Oct. 22, 1882 and was buried at German-town cemetery, Smith Co., Kansas. Susan Cornelia Walter died Oct. 20, 1915 and was buried at the same place.

Maggie May Walter, on Mar. 24, 1902 became married to Albert Grant Stockton, born Sept. 5, 1881, and farmed near Kensington, Kansas. Three children were born to them: Leo Benjamin, Aug. 6, 1907; Arvilla Isa, Aug. 6, 1907; Walter Wayne, June 14, 1911.

Leo Benjamin Stockton, on Nov. 11, 1925, became united in marriage to Neva May Billings, born Mar. 24, 1903. They engaged in the farming business near Kensington, Kansas.

Arvilla Isa Stockton was born Aug. 6, 1907 and became united in marriage to Emery Green Baxter, Dec. 11, 1926. Mr. Baxter was born Aug. 30, 1900; and was in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad. He passed away Jan. 13, 1930 and lies buried in the Germantown cemetery at Kensington, Kansas. One child was born to their family: Corda Mae Baxter, May 7, 1929.

Joseph Cyrus Walter, third child of Samuel Legrand Walter, on June 25, 1918, was married to Marie Victoria Jensen. They were engaged in farming near Kensington, Kansas.

Samuel Legrand Walter, by a second marriage, Dec. 19, 1923, became united in marriage to Ida May Myers, born May 2, 1869. His first wife having died, as before mentioned, Oct. 20, 1915.

Nancy Minerva Walter, seventh child of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on Aug. 29, 1876 was married to Clinton Elbridge Allen, born Sept. 20, 1856. They began life farming near Kensington, Kansas. To them were born the following children: Wilford Ressler Allen, May 4, 1878; Alice Minerva, May 12, 1880; George Howard, Dec. 22, 1881; Arthur Walter, Dec. 19, 1883; Samuel Joseph, Mar. 12, 1886; Earl Orlando, May 7, 1888; Glen Lewis, Mar. 23, 1891; Mary Sarah, Mar. 19, 1897.

Wilford Ressler Allen, on May 4, 1903, was married to





Mary Anna Dilsoner, born May 4, 1878. Mr. Allen was engaged in farming and stock raising near Burlington, Colo. Three children were born to them: Elsie Emily, Mar. 19, 1905; Carrie Minerva, Aug. 27, 1907; Vincent Ressler, Feb. 11, 1913.

Alice Minerva Allen married Burley Elnathon Bronson on Dec. 31, 1899, and they settled down to farming near Kensington, Kansas. Two children were born to the family: Mabel Irene, Dec. 14, 1900; and Lawrence Carmi, Aug. 10, 1902. Alice Minerva Bronson passed away Oct. 1, 1905 and was interred in the Germantown cemetery near Kensington, Smith Co., Kansas.

Arthur Walter Allen, on Jan. 31, 1907, married Harriët Elizabeth Rarick, born Aug. 19, 1883. They were engaged in farming and extensive raising of live stock. One child was born to them: Lewis Lloyd Allen, Jan. 1, 1908. His address was Burlington, Colo.

By a second marriage, Mar. 9, 1914, Arthur Walter Allen became united in marriage to Lorena Lucille Crist. and to them was born a son Glen Arthur Allen, born June 9, 1915. Lorena was born Apr. 9, 1898.

Samuel Joseph Allen, fifth child of Clinton Elbridge Allen, on Dec. 25, 1906 was married to Mina Elenora Peterson. To this union were born the following children: Ruth Rosella, Mar. 11, 1908; Walter Harrold, Sept. 28, 1906; Arnold Allen, Apr. 6, 1913. They were engaged in farming and stock raising, near Cole, Colo., their address.

Earl Orlando Allen, on Sept. 27, 1911, was married to Minnie Marie Neilson, born Sept. 27, 1891, a farmer, living near Bryant Colo. Two children were born to them: Arlow Earl, July 9, 1912; and Lloyd Laverne, Feb. 4, 1914.

Mary Sarah Allen, eighth child of Clinton Elbridge Allen, on Feb. 20, 1913, married Raymond Franklin Morgan, born Sept. 16, 1889, a farmer living near Yuma, Colo. To them were born two children: Harrold Allen, Dec. 31, 1913 and Eugene Raymond, Sept. 17, 1915.

Lillie May Walter, ninth child of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, on Nov. 6, 1879, was married to George Elvin Smith, born Nov. 7, 1853. They

engaged in farming in Smith county, Kansas for many years. Mr. Smith represented Smith county as its Senator in the Legislature for some time. The following children were born to them: Dora Irene, Feb. 4, 1881; Ira Lewis, Nov. 12, 1882; Clyde Walter, Dec. 14, 1884; Maud Ethel, Oct. 28, 1886; May Caroline, July 11, 1889; Eva Gertrude, Jan. 7, 1892; Henry George, Mar. 17, 1895; Lillie May, July 10, 1902. Lillie May Walter Smith died July 10, 1902 and was buried at Germantown, Smith Co., Kansas.

Dora Irene Smith, on Nov. 26, 1914, was married to Paul R. Johnson, born Feb. 27, 1885. They were engaged in agriculture, and one child was born to them, Max Smith Johnson, Mar. 31, 1916. Their address was Blessing, Texas, but then they moved to Plainview, Tex. Dora had a horrible experience in a hurricane, which she tells about in the letter following:

Blessing, Texas  
Sept. 24, 1916.

Dear Cousin:

I have no idea how many names there will be in the Walter genealogy, but will be so glad to know how many there are. My sister Eva (Mrs. E. A. Sanford) and family have moved to Plainview Texas, and we expect to, the first of the year. Yes, it was she and family, and Billy (our baby sister) and myself that were in that terrible hurricane of Aug. 16, 1915. Her baby was just a week old, and I took it in my arms, just as the house all blew to pieces at about 2 o'clock at night, and we were blown out with it. We lay out in the storm, separated from each other until morning. I held the baby "Edwin Allen" in my arms and lay close to the ground until the water got all around me so that I had to lay on my elbows to keep him out of the water. All their household goods were destroyed, but we all escaped from being killed. We were badly bruised, however, and cut in several places.

One can't tell how awful it was, unless one saw it personally. I never want to see another; I feel as if God took care of us.

We are harvesting our rice crop at the present time.

Hoping that you are all well as we are,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Dora Johnson



Ira Lewes Smith, second child of George Edwin Smith, on June 2, 1914, was united in marriage to Ruth Snedaker, born Sept. 5, 1893. Before her marriage, Miss Smith was a teacher in the public schools. They are engaged in farming, or were, near Carthage, Mo. One child was born to them: an infant that died at birth, Nov. 13, 1915.

Maud E. Smith, fourth child of George Edwin Smith, on July 8, 1906 was married to John H. Westerman, a grain dealer in Kensington, Kansas. Miss Smith was a clerk in a general store before her marriage. Mr. Westerman was born Aug. 29, 1884, and passed away Jan. 31, 1916, being interred in Olive Branch cemetery, Kensington, Smith Co., Kansas. Four children were born to them: Estella L., Oct. 5, 1907; Dalile S., Aug. 9, 1909; Ava Lee, June 22, 1911; and Rella Sue, Apr. 24, 1914. By her second marriage, Maud E. Smith Westerman married William Wright, a farmer, born Feb. 12, 1885. The date of their marriage is Aug. 22, 1921. One child resulted from this union, Shirley Maud Wright, born Feb. 23, 1926. They live in Manhattan, Kans.

Ava Lee Westerman, on July 15, 1933, married Lynn B. Hicks, born Nov. 12, 1908. Mr. Hicks is principal of a school and is a teacher.

Rella Sue Westerman, on Aug. 6, 1933, married Paul F. Ragland, born May 29, 1912. Their address: 617 W. Pine St., El Dorado, Kansas.

May Caroline Smith, fifth child of George Edwin Smith, on Mar. 3, 1919, married Roy Allard, born Apr. 10, 1887. He is a clerk and lived at Kensington, Kansas. Two children were born to this union: Burton Smith Allard; and Mildred Georgia Allard.

Eva Gertrude Smith, sixth child of George Edwin Smith married Eugene Allen Sanford, born Apr. 26, 1889. Mr. Sanford was a banker, and lived in Plainview, Texas, where I believe they still are located. Two children were born to them: Burdick Smith Sanford, Apr. 29, 1911; and Edwin Allen Sanford, Aug. 9, 1915.

This finishes the records of the descendents of Lewis Keister Walter and Mary Ann Wilford Walter, that the

writer has in his possession. There are quite a few records left out that just could not be obtained. However, I believe that what is herein given, are sufficient to enable persons in tracing their connections, themselves, if they care to.



## CHAPTER IX

### SAMUEL WALTER—CATHERINE KRAMER WALTER DESCENDENTS. MARY WALTER—JOHN R. WILLFORD DESCENDENTS

SAMUEL WALTER, tenth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was born in Wayne Co., O., Dec. 9, 1821. As a young man he was interested in athletics, while he was considered a good foot racer, he was far better in jumping. In the so-called bullfrog leap he was capable of covering forty feet of distance in three continuous jumps. In order to accomplish this feat, the jumper must assume a crouching, or rather a position similar to that of a frog. Obviously, that places the jumper under somewhat of a handicap as compared to a standing broad-jump.

Samuel Walter was united in marriage to Catherine Kramer on Jan. 12, 1847. Catherine was born Mar. 23, 1827. After their marriage they settled down to farming one mile west of Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, and lived their all their lives. The following children were born to them: Elizabeth Ann, Oct. 16, 1847; John Walter, Oct. 21, 1848; Margaret Jane, Feb. 4, 1850; Eli, June 18, 1851; Anthony, July 25, 1852; Scott D., Oct. 27, 1853; David Allen, May 10, 1855; Mary Etta, Feb. 21, 1858; Amanda Alice, Dec. 9, 1859; Kirk Walter, Aug. 12, 1861; Emma Idella, June 23, 1863; Samuel Perry, Jan. 10, 1865; Bertha Agnes, Dec. 6, 1866; Frank Kramer, May 14, 1868; and Catherine, whose birth record the writer could not obtain. A fine large family was this; and well known for their ability as spellers and readers, particularly Elizabeth Ann Walter, who could spell any and all words pronounced to her, that were in the old McGuffey spelling book.

Eli Walter died Nov. 14, 1893 and was buried in Crown Hill cemetery, Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio. Catherine Walter passed away April 24, 1870.





Elizabeth Ann Walter, on Nov. 30, 1871 became united in marriage to Ruben Harley Van Kirk, born Sept. 4, 1846. They engaged in farming near Orrville, Ohio. The following are their children: Walter Van Kirk, born Nov. 15, 1872; Agnes Catherine, Dec. 23, 1874; Emma Jane, Oct. 30, 1876; Perry, June 19, 1885. Walter Van Kirk died Sept. 3, 1875; Perry, Mar. 13, 1898; Emma Jane, June 1902; all three are buried in the Van Kirk cemetery, Wayne county, Ohio. Elizabeth Ann Van Kirk, the mother and wife, passed away Jan. 16, 1917, and was buried in the Crown Hill cemetery, Wayne county, Ohio.

Agnes Catherine Van Kirk, on Oct. 28, 1904, married Thomas D. Wilford, born Sept. 25, 1874. Mr. Wilford was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as car distributor. Three children were born to the family: Harley Theodore, May 20, 1905; Earl Hanson, July 17, 1909; and Theron Deransel, Dec. 20, 1914. Their address was 526 West Oak St., Orrville, Ohio.

Emma Jane Van Kirk, on Oct. 30, 1898, was married to Charles Delson Gift, born in July 1876. They were farmers and lived near Dalton, Ohio. One child was born to the family: Victor Vincent Gift, born Sept. 15, 1900. Emma Jane Gift passed away June 9, 1902.

Scott D. Walter, sixth child of Samuel Walter and Catherine Kramer Walter, on Oct. 15, 1873, married Mary M. Winkler, born May 25, 1852. They settled down to farming in Wayne county. The following children were born to them: Harvey W., May 1, 1874; Melvin S., Mar. 16, 1876; and Howard H., Jan. 20, 1878. All three are farmers. Scott D. Walter died Dec. 20, 1894 and Mary M. his wife, Jan. 1, 1897; both being buried in Union cemetery, Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Mary Etta Walter, the eighth child of Samuel Walter and Catherine Kramer Walter, on June 22, 1880, married Andrew J. Webb, born Jan. 24, 1854. They farmed near Orrville, Ohio. The following children were born to them: Emma May, Nov. 16, 1881; Ada Burdella, Sept. 11, 1890; Frank Walter, Sept. 21, 1892; Alma Catherine, Feb. 16, 1897; and Charley Merlin, Oct. 26, 1898.

Emma May Webb, on Aug. 1, 1904, married Winfield Scott Leaman, born Aug. 19, 1881. They engaged in farming near Marshalville, Ohio. Their children are as follows: Elvin Earl Leaman, Apr. 3, 1905; Dale Webb, born Oct. 25, 1909; Ira Jay, Feb. 6, 1912; Mary May, Nov. 15, 1913.

Ada Burdella Webb, on July 25, 1910, became married to Roy Emerson Cheyney, born Sept. 27, 1885. They farmed near Kenmore, Ohio. One child was born to them: La Verne Emerson, May 26, 1911.

Amanda Alice Walter, ninth child of Samuel Walter and Catherine Kramer Walter, on May 1, 1889, married Theron Levi Wildeson, born Oct. 1, 1858. Mr. Wildeson was an engineer on the railroad. He passed away Sept. 26, 1907 and was buried at Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind. Amanda Alice Wildeson's address is now Wooster, Ohio.

Emma Idella Walter, eleventh child of Samuel Walter, on April 3, 1887, became married to Alandus B. Wildeson, born Apr. 3, 1855. Mr. Wildeson was a Roadmaster of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad Company, and lived at Mansfield Ohio, 400 Wayne St. Five children were born to their family: Walter Wilson, Aug. 7, 1888, came to be a civil engineer; Edithe Elnora, Jan 27, 1891; became a teacher in the public schools; Frankie Forest, Nov. 9, 1892; Arthur B., June 26, 1893, a steam shovel engineer; Justa Josephine, Oct. 27, 1897. Frankie Forest Wildeson passed away July 25, 1893, and was interred in Crown Hill cemetery, Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Samuel Perry Martin, twelfth child of Samuel Walter and Catherine Kramer Walter, on June 20, 1906, was united in marriage to Carrie Fickel, born Jan. 10, 1872. Mr. Martin was crossing watchman and his address was Washington C. H., Ohio. One child was born to the union: Harry Walter, born Apr. 27, 1907, passed away May 6, 1907, and was interred at Washington C. H. cemetery, Fayette Co., Ohio.

Bertha Agnes Walter, on Nov. 20, 1889 was married to Andrew M. Swinehart, born Oct. 2, 1865. Bertha was the thirteenth child of Samuel Walter and Catherine Kramer Walter. They settled down to farming near Orrville, Ohio.



Three children were born to them: Samuel Walter Swinehart, May 8, 1891; Amanda Catherine, Aug. 14, 1894; and Charles Theron Swinehart, Mar. 6, 1902.

#### MARY WALTER—JOHN R. WILLFORD DESCENDENTS

Mary Walter, eleventh child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, was married to John R. Willford, who was born Oct. 9, 1818. They settled down to farming near New Washington, Crawford Co., Ohio. To them were born the following children: Minerva Willford, June 17, 1840; Peter Willford, Apr. 14, 1842; Amos Willford, Jan. 14, 1844; Daniel Willford, June 20, 1847; Samuel C. Willford, Sept. 15, 1850; Eliza Willford, Sept. 24, 1852; Mary Jane Willford, May 17, 1855; Margaret Cornelia Willford, Jan. 3, 1857; Francis Marion Willford, Dec. 10, 1859.

Peter Willford died Aug. 14, 1842; Amos Willford, Mar. 19, 1888; Daniel Willford, Jan. 21, 1904; Samuel C. Willford, Mar. 8, 1906; Mary Jane Willford, Sept. 11, 1891; John R. Willford, Feb. 6, 1892. Mary Walter Willford, Jan. 15, 1906.

Minerva Willford, on Sept. 26, 1865, married Francis Mason Aumend and they commenced farming near Shelby, Ohio. Mr. Aumend was born Oct. 8, 1843. Their children are as follows: Amos Franklin, born Feb. 15, 1867; Lea Eaton, Jan. 28, 1879.

Lea Eaton Aumend on Mar. 8, 1904, married Iona Villzetta Lemmer, born Jan. 9, 1885. They were farmers and lived near Plymouth, Ohio. To them the following children were born: Leslie Evard, Nov. 3, 1904; Willard Lemmer, July 29, 1906; Robert Howard, July 19, 1908; Francis Leland, July 9, 1910; Guy De Lois, Apr. 19, 1912; Laura Belle, Dec. 8, 1915.

Amos Willford, third child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, on May 25, 1875, was married to Nancy Sidle. They engaged in farming in Crawford County, Ohio. Two children were born to them: Amy, July 21, 1888; and Daisy, who later married a Mr. Rothschild of New Washington; Amy passed away Aug. 10, 1888. Amos

Willford died Mar. 19, 1888; Nancy Willford passed away Jan. 30, 1899.

Daniel Willford, fourth child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, was united in marriage June 27, 1880 to Louisa Ginter. They were farmers for many years in Crawford County. The following are their children: Lelissa, Edith, Ethel, Letha, Richard, and Arville. Daniel Willford died Jan. 21, 1904.

Samuel C. Willford, fifth child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford on Mar. 23, 1879 was married to Nancy Horner. They were engaged in farming for many years near New Washington, Ohio. The following are their children: Walter Willford, born Apr. 19, 1880; and Florence May Willford, Jan. 1, 1882, who became a teacher in the public schools. Samuel Willford departed this life Mar. 8, 1906 and his wife Nancy Horner Willford, Jan. 19, 1912; both are buried in Union cemetery, New Washington, Crawford Co., Ohio.

Walter Willford, on Nov. 27, 1910, married Emma Lutz, born Aug. 31, 1887. Mr. Lutz is a painter by trade. They had one child born to them; Ruth, May 30, 1912. Their address: New Washington, Ohio.

Florence Willford, sister of Walter, taught school in the High School as well as the city schools of New Washington, Ohio. She was one of the leading teachers of the County and taught for a number of years.

Eliza Willford, sixth child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, on Oct. 28, 1873, was united in marriage to Stephen W. Tuttle, born July, 17, 1848. They engaged in farming and lived near Rozel, Kansas. The following children were born to them: Flora B., June 10, 1874; Mary M., June 28, 1876; John W., Nov. 29, 1877; Harry F., July 18, 1879; Perry R., June 4, 1888. John W. Tuttle passed away Nov. 28, 1878.

Flora B. Tuttle, on June 28, 1897, married Frank M. Arnold, born Mar. 17, 1872. Their occupation was farming near Rozel, Kansas. The following are their children: Levi Willford, born July 24, 1898; Florence Verna, Feb. 12, 1900;





Ralph Morris, Sept. 23, 1901; Nellie Belle, May 1, 1903; Frank Howard, Feb. 28, 1906; and Arnold, July 25, 1909. The following deaths occurred: Levi Willford Arnold, Aug. 12, 1912; Florence Verna Arnold, Jan. 22, 1906; and Arnold, July 27, 1909; all lie in the Larned cemetery, Pawnee county, Kansas.

Harry Francis Tuttle, on Apr. 18, 1904, became married to Margaret Brown, born Dec. 8, 1880. They farmed at Rozel, Kansas. To them the following children were born: Violet Gertrude, July 16, 1906; Lewis Stephen, Feb. 10, 1909; Lawrence Richard, Dec. 12, 1912.

Perry R. Tuttle was married to Ethel Ida Tuttle, on Dec. 22, 1909. Ethel Ida was born Jan. 14, 1891. They farmed near Rozel, Kansas. The following two children were born to them: Helen Irene, Sept. 23, 1912; Mary Eliza, Feb. 14, 1914.

Mary Jane Willford, seventh child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, on Dec. 25, 1872, married John E. Bland, who was a farmer by occupation. The following are their children: Lillie Dell, Nancy, Samuel, David Francis, Minnie May, Oct. 20, 1882 she was born; Eliza and Mary Catherine. Minnie May died Aug. 19, 1899. Mary Jane Willford passed away Sept. 11, 1891, and her husband, John E. Bland, Nov. 29, 1892.

Margaret or Margaretha Willford, eighth child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, on Feb. 7, 1877, was married to Jacob Nickler, a farm worker. Margaret was a carpet weaver. They lived in Tiro, formerly N. Auburn, Ohio. The following children were born into the family: Bertha Maud, Aug. 2, 1878; Benjamin Willford Nickler, Aug. 8, 1879, who became a barber; William C., July 4, 1881; Vesta M. Sept. 9, 1882; Jessie L., July 22, 1884, who afterward married a Mr. Wheeler; Oliver John Nickler, May 28, 1887, became an engineroom worker; Naomi Nickler, Oct. 28, 1895, who became a school teacher and lived in Willard, O.; Mary Lucretia, Mar. 16, 1898; and Hugh Rothwell, June 24, 1899, who served in the 9th Balloon Co., received his training at Ft. Omaha during the World War. Amos Nickler died Oct.

8, 1889 and was buried in the Good Will cemetery, Crawford Co., Ohio.

Bertha Maud Nickler, on May 5, 1898, became married to Aaron Watson King, born Feb. 28, 1864, who maintained a fish market at Willard, Ohio, 105 Woodbine St. The following children were born to them: Laura Lenore, Mar. 11, 1899, who afterward became a teacher in the public schools; Marguerite Elizabeth, Aug. 10, 1900, who became a stenographer; Thomas Orlando, Aug. 15, 1902, who became a switchman on the railroad.

William C. Nickler, on Mar. 4, 1913, married May Cuykendall, born May 14, 1882. Mr. Nickler was a moulder and lived at Bellaire, Ohio. They had one child, Wilton Ross Nickler, born July 23, 1918.

Vesta M. Nickler, on June 10, 1901, married Louis Drumbarger, born May 31, 1872. Mr. Drumbarger was a moulder and lived in Sandusky, Ohio. They have two children Leo Francis, born May 10, 1903, who became a farmer; and Bertha Lucille Drumbarger.

M. Lucretia Nickler, on June 18, 1920, married Chester Isaac Cushman, born Mar. 5, 1899. Mr. Cushman is a farmer living near Havana, Ohio.

Francis Marion Willford, ninth child of John R. Willford and Mary Walter Willford, on Dec. 20, 1885, became united in marriage to Matilda Jane McConnell, a dressmaker. They settled down to farming near New Washington, Ohio. They had one child, Homer Watson Willford, born June 24, 1887. Matilda Jane Willford passed away Oct. 7, 1913 and was buried in the Good Will cemetery, Crawford Co., Ohio.

Homer Watson Willford was married to Eva Emma Norris, born Nov. 28, 1885. Mr. Willford in addition to teaching school has done excellent photographic work. They had one child, Clifford Homer Willford, born Jan. 1916.





## CHAPTER X

### AMOS WALTER—SARAH ANN JOHNSTON DESCENDENTS

#### Biographical Sketch of Father and Mother

THE personal life of father and mother was so lovable and their dispositions such that they made numerous friends and attachments. They were never disposed to take life too seriously. Their natures were gentle rather than aggressive; they appreciated humor, and wherever the opportunity afforded reflected and promoted it.

They came of a stock of somewhat quaint Pennsylvanians, and when they arrived at the time that they could take life easy, they were fortunate enough to have sufficient money to supply all their needs. Old age could hardly have been lived more ideal than it was by father and mother.

Amos Water, my father, was born Nov. 29, 1825, in Baughman Twp., Wayne Co., O. His wife Sarah Ann Johnston was born Jan. 17, 1826 on the homestead of her grandfather Jacob Steele in East Union Township, Wayne County, O. Father was born on the homestead that was preempted by his father Oct. 13, 1815 in Baughman Township. They were married at mother's home in Green Township by Squire Kling on Feb. 18, 1847. Mother had been—and was until her death at 95 years—a member of the Lutheran Church since April 24, 1842 at which time she had joined.

They spent some time on their honeymoon, but soon realized that time was fleeting and concluded they would start housekeeping at once. Accordingly, they gathered their things together, what they thought would be necessary, and started their life in true pioneer style. They moved to grandfather Walter's farm and moved into the log house built over a large spring. This spring is known far and wide for its nice clear, sparkling water. In this log cabin in the year 1847, the writer first saw light of day and still regards this log cabin as a sacred place to visit when in Wayne county, Ohio.



Father and mother lived here for three years. In the year 1850 they bought eighty acres of land from John Long for \$2000 by paying \$200 down, and the balance of \$1800 to be paid off in annual installments of \$200 with interest,—notes being given to cover the transaction. They then bought a log house of James Long, tore it down and moved it onto their land, and rebuilt it there. Their next necessity was water so they hired Joel Markly to dig them a well, and also make them a wooden pump. This served father the trouble of hauling water.

Well do I remember that log house which had one door on the south side and as one entered the room he would see in the southeast corner a ladder leading upstairs to what was called a loft. As the years rolled by they concluded to build a frame dwelling in which to live. This building was built in the same yard close to the old log house, which soon was torn down and moved away.

My parent's new house was two stories; a kitchen and three rooms downstairs and three rooms upstairs. The house also had two porches, and was considered a good, comfortable home for those days.

This was in the days when the grain that they harvested was done with a cradle and sickle, raked into a sheaf and then bound by hand. The "Twine" being several strands of straw to make a band. While father cradled the grain, mother raked it into sheaves to be bound.

Father and his brother Samuel owned and operated a threshing outfit; they did their own threshing and that of their neighbors of the immediate vicinity. In the division of their work there were no advantages, for while father fed the separator and was forced to contend with the choking dust, his brother standing on the horse-power machine in the cold must keep a vigilant eye and ear upon the separator to see that the old-time-cylinder was kept in correct time despite the uneven power developed by the horses. The thresher-men surely earned their money in those days. The power was developed by the familiar horse-power machine, from which ran a tumbling rod to what was called a jack which was situated a short distance from the horse-power.

From the jack a belt connection extended to the separator. In those days the horse-power was moved from place to place on a wagon and when to be used, was unloaded and staked down ready for the operation. All threshing hands would assist in the loading and unloading as well as the staking down of the horse-power.

On this farm father had a bank barn erected, the dimensions of which were 40 x 60 feet. In those days people built either of what was called bank barns or yankee barns. The yankee barns were only one story high, while the other would be two or more stories.

We lived on this eighty acre farm for fifteen years. During that time my father bought the farm that his brother David owned, when the latter moved to Indiana. Later father sold this farm to his brother Cyrus Walter, whose land this farm joined. Sometime after that my father traded farms with Michael Hawk, acre for acre, and paid a cash difference for the excess acreage, which was 98 acres. Mr. Hawk valued his 178 acres at \$10,500. The extra 98 acres for which my father paid cash totaled \$5,835.90, or \$59.55 per acre.

While a resident of Greene Township my father settled several estates as the records will show in Probate Court. Also during the Civil War he took the census for the purpose of finding out who was eligible for the draft between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, for army service.

Later on a few years he purchased the Jacob Steele farm of 177 acres, the consideration being \$6500. This farm adjoined the Michael Hawk farm on the west. The Hawk farm he sold to his son L. E. Walter and the Jacob Steele farm to another son, A. H. Walter.

On the Hawk farm father had a large bank barn constructed that measured forty by ninety feet.

In the year 1899 father bought a tract of one acre with a good residence in the city of Wooster, Ohio, on Pittsburg Avenue which was his residence until his demise.

Father was reelected a great many times to the office of Justice of the Peace and settled many cases, while acting in



that capacity. The Court records will show that not a single case, of those carried to the District Court, were reversed.

The following is an article that appeared in the Wooster Daily News concerning the writer's mother:

"When one has reached the milestone which registers 95 years, that person certainly deserves special mention in local newspapers at least. The person who has seen 95 seasons go by is none other than Mrs. Sarah Ann Walter, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Emily Orr, of South Market street. It is surprising to see how clear minded and active one can be at such an age.

Mrs. Walter is far from infirm and yet her years have not been easy ones. She has performed labors equal to many men and is proud of the fact, too. Just for instance, let the writer tell you of some of the things Mrs. Walter did when she was a bride. Now, most young brides take life easy the first few years of their bridehood, Mrs. Walter mapped out a different schedule than that. Her husband, Amos Walter, to whom she was married Feb. 18, 1847, cleared woods of stumps and his helper was his wife. She built fences, hauled wood and bound the wheat that Mr. Walter cradled for himself and others. Mrs. Walter must have been the first "farmerette" in Wayne county. She lived in Greene township then.

Probably it would be better to go back to Mrs. Walter's birthday—Jan. 17, 1825. Born in a log house hidden in a deep woods in East Union township, the young babe soon became acquainted with her crude cradle made like an old fashioned sugar trough—a log hollowed out in the center. When she was old enough to be taught the art of spinning, she developed into a first class spinner. Then when about thirteen years of age, she went out to work for others. Would you care to know the munificent sum she received for one week's work? Twenty-five cents! However, she was capable of advancement and soon received 50 cents, then 75 cents. On nursing cases she drew \$1.00 per week and to quote her verbatim: 'And 'I was never short of money, either, like girls are today.'

If you think Mrs. Walter sits around with folded hands, you are badly mistaken. The interviewer found her piecing a quilt. She has finished three or four quilts this winter. She makes most of her clothes except dresses. This she accomplishes with the naked eye. Mrs. Walter used to keep boarders, when she lived near Orrville and in her home was a railroad attorney. It was just at the time when the Pennsylvania railroad was first operated through this country. The attorney gave her a special pass permitting her to ride on the first passenger train that ran from Orrville to Wooster. It was a bumpy ride but she is quite proud of the experience, nevertheless. Once she went out to the state road near her home to see President Lincoln go by in a stage coach drawn by six horses.

This aged lady is quite girlish in her tastes. She likes automobiles and her sons take her out at least once a week during the warm weather. She is remarkably free from ill health, though the past winter she was not so well as usual. As far as can be ascertained, Mrs. Walter is the oldest resident of Wayne Co. She is a member of the Lutheran church in East Union."

The living members of her family are: William Walter, Mrs. Eliza Jane Kramer, Nancy Catherine Orr of Kansas; Mrs. Sarah Emily Orr, Amos Herschel Walter, John W. Walter of Wooster, and Leo Elmer Walter of East Union."

Upon the old Michael Hawk farm, where the writer's parents once lived, were several trees of particular size that should be mentoned. Four spruce pine trees at the east entrance to the house measured five feet in circumference, and would everage sixty feet in height. Between the house and the barn was a cherry tree that measured seven feet and a pear tree, eight feet three inches in circumference.

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Amos Walter, twelfth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, on Feb. 18, 1847, married Sarah Ann Johnston, born Jan. 17, 1826. Their children are as fol-





lows: William C. Walter, Dec. 28, 1847; Mary Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 1849; Eliza Jane, Aug. 21, 1851; Nancy Catherine, Mar. 7, 1855; Sarah Emily, Oct. 1, 1857; Amos Herschel, Jan. 14, 1860; John Wesley Walter, Oct. 24, 1862; Christian Walter, Apr. 22, 1866; Leo E., Jan. 8, 1869; Warren Walter, May 12, 1871. Mary Elizabeth Walter passed away April 11, 1850; Christian Walter, June 5, 1866; and Warren Walter, May 16, 1871; all being interred in the Wooster cemetery, Wayne county, Ohio. Amos Walter passed away Feb. 17, 1904 and was buried in the Wooster cemetery. Sarah Ann Johnston Walter survived her husband many years, following him to the Great Beyond on May 26, 1920.

Memory's last tribute is sealed in a federation of love. Life's great urn runs full with ennobling ministrations which paused, with a divine timing at Sarah Ann Walter's ninety-five years. It were as though a special angel of God were in vigil attendance to make certain that the world's loss of a beautiful womanly character occasion not too great sorrow to the loved ones about her. Death holds no darkening mystery for a noble soul, but approaches in a chariot of hope and solace to bear away the faithful to a grander abode among the flowers everlasting.

W. C. Walter married Sarah Shelt who was born April 28, 1853. To this union were born the following children: Isa Mae, Feb. 16, 1873; Warren Burton, Jan. 29, 1875; Beth, Feb. 13, 1877; William Henry, Nov. 29, 1879; Herschel Amos, Sept. 9, 1881; John Wesley, Mar. 29, 1884; Elmer Earl, Feb. 22, 1887; Wayne Aquilla, Feb. 22, 1890; Wright R., Sept. 4, 1893; and Loretta Pearl, Sept. 28, 1895. William Henry Walter died Dec. 29, 1880 and was buried at Utan, Nebr. Herschel Amos Walter passed away July 12, 1886; Wright R. Walter, Dec. 22, 1893; Loretta Pearl, Feb. 24, 1897; all being interred in the Riley cemetery, Riley Co., Kansas. Lots have been reserved so these four children will be removed to the family plot in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan, Riley Co., Kansas.

William Colonel Walter (he received the name Colonel in honor of a relative on his mother's side, a Colonel John-

ston of the Revolutionary War) was born and reared on his father's farm in Ohio; taught his first term of school when eighteen years of age, and his last at twenty-nine. In 1867, as a young man, he made a journey to Nebraska and secured employment in railroad construction work. Later he returned to Ohio, married Sarah Shelt, and after farming in that state for a few years, emigrated to Wahoo, Nebraska.

His first employment was helping to repair a mill dam on Wahoo Creek. He later secured employment in that mill. Afterwards a partnership was formed with an old and experienced miller, and a mill was purchased on Clear creek, Saunders Co., Nebr., which they operated for several years. There was an old Indian trail that was located close to the mill, which the Indians used in going and coming in their travels. Mr. Walter's garden was what was called a "squaw patch"—a plot of ground formerly tilled by the Indians. Clear creek was not far from Squaw creek, concerning the naming of which, an interesting story follows this sketch of Mr. Walter. Opposite of where the mill was located, there was a large island in the Platte River, to which the Indians came in the fall and winter to trap. These Indians would come to the mill to buy their flour; and may it be said to their credit, they knew what good flour was, and always ordered the best grade.

In 1881 an ice gorge on the Platte River caused a disastrous flood, which lasted three weeks and almost destroyed the mill, mill race and dam. Despite this handicap, Mr. Walter repaired the extensive damage wrought by the terrible flood, and resumed operations in the mill for two or three years. The mill was destroyed by fire and never rebuilt. Mr. Walter loaded his family into a covered wagon and emigrated to Kansas. That was in 1884. He began life anew, farming near Riley, Riley Co., Kansas.

He lived on the same farm for forty-two years, becoming successful and independent through farming and stock raising. At one time his holdings consisted of over two sections, before giving each of his children a piece of farm land.



Mr. Walter now lives the life of a retired farmer at 725 Houston St., Manhattan, Kansas. When he first came to Riley county, Kansas, only eighty acres west of him was under fence—the rest was open range. He has seen the country develop from those early days of rough, muddy roads to paved and sanded state and county highways; the rough box house of the pioneer supplanted by the modern residence of the successful farmer. And he is satisfied that he has been a factor in that change. His wife, Sarah Walter, at eighty-two years of age enjoys nothing better than to knit and crochet rugs. She takes an active part in the affairs of the various organizations of which she is a member and does so with as much vigor as persons many years younger..

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The writer, while living in Nebraska on Clear Creek about four miles from Utan recalls a story that went the rounds among the pioneers. The story explains the reason for the name given Squaw Creek, which was about twelve miles from Clear Creek, which empties into the Platte River.

In the early days, when the emigrant trains were moving westward, there was a train of covered wagons from Missouri seeking new homes. Among them was a young fellow, who made the assertion that he was going to shoot the first Indian that he met or saw. Upon their arrival in the Elk Horn river country in the Platte valley, he discovered an Indian squaw sitting on a log, fishing. In keeping with his vow, he shot the squaw.

That evening, when the emigrants were in camp, a number of Indians surrounded them, demanding the person that had committed the depredation. That put the emigrants in a terrible situation. If they gave up the man, he would be horribly and brutally tortured. If they refused, they would probably all be massacred. They attempted every means to buy the Indians off, agreeing to give them horses even, but to all their overtures, the Indians turned a deaf ear. They had it understood that they were there to get the man who had committed the murder, and have him, they would. Finally, the emigrants decided in a council

that the only thing that they could do, was to give up the man, which they did.

Taking the man, the Indians bound him to a tree, stripped him of all his clothes, and commenced to skin the man alive, beginning at his toes and continuing to his head. They took his scalp, amid frenzied yells, and were soon on their way to the fastness of their unknown prairies, leaving the gruesome corpse behind as a feast for wolves and buzzards.

During the time the Indians were skinning the man alive, he would call to the rest of his comrades, begging them to shoot him and end his misery. They could not comply with the man's request for fear of endangering their own safety. According to legend among the people of the locality, the grass has never grown beneath the tree, where the torture was carried on, nor nothing else since.

This tragedy occurred in that section of the country lying between the Elk Horn River on the East and the Platte River that makes a bend to form the West boundary. Between the two rivers is a strip of country approximately ten miles wide and almost level. The city of Fremont is located upon a portion of it. Also between the two rivers is the small stream, Squaw Creek.

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in marriage to Maude Elizabeth Quantic, born May 26, 1884. Before her marriage Maude was a teacher of music and also a saleslady; Warren Burton is engaged in farming near Riley, Riley Co., Kansas. To them three children have been born: Glen Quantic, Mar. 13, 1904; Hazel Maude, Sept. 30, 1908 and Warren Lyle, Mar. 2, 1924. Warren B. also is an extensive stock raiser as well as feeder, and is very successful in the operation of his farm. He has the reputation of being the best farmer in his community. Maude Elizabeth, his wife, for over thirty years has been organist and musical director for the Methodist church of Riley, Kansas. a very worthy achievement.

Glen Quantic Walter graduated from Riley High School and later attended a business college at Lawrence, Kansas. He is engaged in farming near Riley, Kansas. He is Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge at Riley, at the present time.

Hazel Maude Walter, on Dec. 24, 1930, became married to George Robert Lewis, born July 23, 1906. Hazel Maude graduated from Kansas State College, and holds a life certificate for teaching in any public school of Kansas. Before her marriage she taught three years, one year in grade school and two years in high school. Mr. Lewis attended Kansas University. He is now engaged in the oil and gasoline business at Wakefield, Kansas, and is a successful and enterprising salesman. They have one child: Jo Ann Lewis, the date of whose birth is Sept. 14, 1931. Jo Ann is a great great granddaughter of Christian Walter.

Beth E. Walter is a graduate of Kansas State Normal and holds a life certificate to teach in the public schools of Kansas. She has taught one term at Leonardville, one term at Randolph, and seven years in Reading, Primary Department. Beth also did additional work at the Kansas State Normal, in addition to her teaching of school, to acquire a Primary Teachers certificate for the state of Kansas, also completed a year's work in the University of Chicago. She has been teacher of the fourth grade and principle of Eugene Field School, Manhattan Kansas since 1918.

John Wesley Walter, on February 18, 1914, became married to Clara Wobena Visser, born Mar. 13, 1889. Clara was a saleslady prior to her marriage. They settled down to farming near Riley, Kansas, near the old home place. John Wesley had at one time been a student at Kansas State College. The following children were born to them: Merton Amos, Dec. 5, 1914; Leo William, Sept. 13, 1916; Margaret Sarah, May 21, 1918; John Eldon, Dec. 14, 1922; Donald Ray, Oct. 30, 1924; Louis Earl, Sept. 24, 1926; Alberta May, Dec. 23, 1920; Lola May, July 7, 1933. Alberta May Walter passed away Nov. 10, 1922 and was buried in Fairview cemetery, Riley, Riley county, Kansas.

Elmer Earl Walter attended Strickler Business College of Topeka, Kansas, where he finished a course in bookkeeping and penmanship, after which he was in the employ of the Benjamin Stock Co., for several years. He later engaged in farming near Riley, Kansas, where he could be home with his parents in their declining years. Upon their retirement from the farm, he accompanied them to Manhattan, Kansas to make his home with them. He is engaged in the making of fancy leather articles, as well as weaving of artistic baskets,—articles which he finds ready sale for. Prior to his moving to Manhattan, he and his brother operated a corn sheller and contracted for the shelling of many thousands of bushels of corn throughout their neighborhood.

Wayne Aquilla Walter, on Jan. 21, 1914, was united in marriage to Juanita Pultz, born Apr. 1, 1896. Wayne is a farmer and stockman by occupation having been engaged at that for many years in Riley county. He attended Manhattan High School and as a young man turned immediately to farming. Later on he engaged in the retail butcher business; and bought livestock for shipment to Kansas City market. Wayne has also served as Director of the School Board. They have one child, Evelyn Jean Walter, born Oct. 4, 1914. Evelyn graduated from Keats Rural High School in 1931; attending Kansas State College two years, receiving a three-year State certificate to teach in Kansas. Has taught school one year. At the recent county Grade School



Meeting she received many congratulations from the older teachers on the talk she gave, "Unit Work in the Grade School," and has acquired the reputation of being one of the county's most successful beginners.

This concludes the record or sketches of the descendants of the writer of this book, who, as has been stated, lives the life of a retired farmer in Manhattan, Kansas, and has been chiefly engaged in the compilation of material for the publishing of this book, and looking forward to visits of relatives and friends. For them there is always a cordial welcome and the greatest of hospitality. In addition as a diversion from the routine of life and being a follower of Izaak Walton's belief to a great extent, indulges in considerable fishing in the Blue and Kansas Rivers in the vicinity of Manhattan. And the mention of fishing brings to mind an experience in Nebraska, where the writer caught the biggest fish during his life, except that it happened while out hunting. At one time after the Platte River had been at flood stage for some time in the spring of the year and had subsided, the writer was out duck hunting, and found a large catfish that had been left in a low place of the river-bottom land.

Owing to the size of the fish the writer was terribly perplexed and in a quandary as to how he could get the fish home. Finally, he hit upon an expedient. He ran the gun barrel through the gills of one side and out the mouth of the fish, and in that way carried it home over his shoulders, the tail dragging the ground. The writer's height at that time was five feet nine inches. This is a true story.

The largest fish that the writer ever caught in Kansas weighed twelve pounds—with hook and line. However, my son Elmer Walter caught one of twenty-one pounds. My wife, Sarah, caught a blue catfish of six pounds weight. From that, the reader can form an opinion as to our abilities as fishers. I often wish that I had weighed the catfish caught in Nebraska for it was a big one without a doubt.

Eliza Jane Walter, third child of Amos Walter, on Feb. 20, 1873, was married to George Washington Kramer, born Nov. 29, 1847.

They farmed in Wayne county, Ohio for several years, then emigrated to Nebraska, and later into Kansas. They located near Topeka, Shawnee county, Kansas, where they are still farming. There were born to them the following children: Ida Belle, Jan. 15, 1874; John Warren, Aug. 20, 1875; Sarah Ann, Mar. 25, 1879; Willis Leo, Apr. 7, 1884; Welker Frank, Apr. 3, 1893; Amos Walter, Aug. 9, 1895; Hazel Beatrice, Apr. 2, 1893.

Ida Bell Kramer, on Apr. 30, became married to John Martin McAllister, born Dec. 29, 1870, an investment broker and insurance dealer. Ida Bell taught several terms of school before her marriage. They lived at Neligh, Nebr. at one time, but now are residents of Lincoln, Nebr. The following children were born into the family: Ruth Mildred, Mar. 30, 1896; who became a school teacher and stenographer; Gertrude Jane, Sept. 21, 1897, who also became a teacher in the public schools; Bessie Alithe, Sept. 22, 1899; John Martin, May 27, 1903; Helen Joe, Mar. 23, 1906; William Walter, Oct. 10, 1909; Mark, Dec. 8, 1912; Paul, May 9, 1915. Paul McAllister passed away May 11, 1915 and was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Neligh, Nebr. Leland Elbert, Feb. 23, 1917, Neligh, Nebr.

John Warren Kramer became united in marriage to Violet Irene Pyle, born Oct. 19, 1878, on the 23rd day of May, 1898. He is employed as a meat cutter and lives at 1633 Strong Ave., Topeka, Kansas. Three children were born to them: Beatrice Esther, Apr. 12, 1899; Elsie Jane, Oct. 1, 1900; Grace Bel, Oct. 4, 1902.

Elsie Jane Kramer, on Jan. 10, 1919, was married to Theodore Amos Patras, born Dec. 16, 1900. Mr. Patras is engaged in the ranching business and lives at Meek, Nebr.

Sarah Kramer, on Nov. 28, 1901, was married to Marsh Allison, born June 30, 1879, a farmer living near Seneca, Kansas. To them were born the following children: Wil-muth Allison, Nov. 7, 1902; Melvin Kramer Allison, Aug. 29, 1904; Harry Kenneth Allison, Oct. 12, 1906; Lowell Marsh Allison, June 29, 1912; Glen LaVern, Aug. 15, 1916.

Willis Leo Kramer became united in marriage to Emma





Susan Haller, born May 2, 1889, on the twelfth day of Oct., 1909. Emma Susan was a teacher in the public schools before her marriage. Willis Leo Kramer is a druggist and lived at Holyoke, Colo. The following children were born to them: Lyle Francis Kramer, Mar. 11, 1911; Edith Marguerite, Dec. 27, 1912; and Hazel Louise, Dec. 29, 1915. Lyle Francis Kramer passed away Sept. 12, 1912 and was buried at Topeka, Shawnee county, Kansas, in the Foster cemetery. Willis Leo Kramer served several terms as Sheriff.

Welker Frank Kramer, on Nov. 14, 1910, was married to Julia Erlin Black, born Dec. 29, 1890. Prior to his marriage, Mr. Kramer was a veterinary employee of the United States Government, acting in the capacity of meat inspector. At the present time he is a traveling salesman for a large corporation.

Hazel Beatrice Kramer, on Mar. 6, 1920, became united in marriage to Hobart Clay Van Horn, born Jan. 1, 1897. Hazel Beatrice was a school teacher before her marriage, having attended Kansas State College. Mr. Van Horn is engaged in farming in the "Wheat Belt" of Kansas. They had one child born to them: Clay Duane Van Horn, Aug. 27, 1921.

Amos Walter Kramer, on Jan. 23, 1919, became married to Ellen Marie Renyer, born Oct. 28, 1901. He is engaged in the farming business and handles livestock for shipment to Kansas City market. He also feeds cattle, fattening them for market. His address was Auburn, Kansas. One child was born into the family: Harold Glen Kramer born June 10, 1921. I understand his address now is Topeka, Kansas, care of R.F.D.

Nancy Catherine Walter, fourth child of Amos Walter and Sarah Ann Johnston, on Oct. 30, 1876, was united in marriage to David Obrian Orr, born May 26, 1853. After farming several years in Wayne county, Ohio, Mr. Orr moved to Colorado and engaged in ranching there, but soon afterwards removed to Riley county, Kansas to engage in farming. Being a great lover of horses, Mr. Orr soon became associated with the County Fair of Riley county, and for many

years was Superintendent of the Speed Ring, having charge of all the racing events. He finally moved to a farm that he purchased four miles south of Topeka, Kansas and engaged in farming there. He naturally became again associated with racing events, and soon was taking an active part in the State Fair at Topeka. David Obrian Orr passed away Dec. 9, 1931 and was buried in the Topeka cemetery beside his beloved wife Nancy Catherine Orr.

The following are the children of David O. Orr. and Catherine Nancy Walter Orr: Harry Delphos, born Aug 25, 1877; Bessie Elizabeth, Feb. 16, 1880; Burton Sylvester, Mar. 17, 1883; and Howard W., Jan. 26, 1894.

Harry Delphos Orr was a prominent physician and surgeon in Chicago, Ill., having an excellent practice. He became associated with the army medical service, and at the outbreak of the World War soon became Lieut. Col. of the One Hundred and Eighth Sanitary train in training at Camp Logan, Texas. Prior to the time Dr. Orr was a major, commanding the medical detachment of the old First Cavalry, I. N. G. at the outbreak of the war and subsequently became commander of the medical trains of the 33rd Division when it was assembled in Texas. Later at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., when the 108th Medical Regiment was stationed there, he had become Colonel. When the 33rd Division was located in the Duchy of Luxembourg, near Treves, Germany, in reserve for the 3rd American Army, he was promoted to Division Surgeon, 33rd Division. In February, 1926, Dr. Orr was promoted to the rank of Surgeon General of the Illinois National Guard. Dr. Orr won distinction in France as commander of the 108th Sanitary Train, A. E. F., which carried out the heavy task of evacuating the wounded of the 33rd Division and maintaining field hospitals under fire. He had been a member of the National Guard since 1902, when he joined the First Cavalry. After the World War he won official commendation for his work at national guard encampments at Rockford, as division surgeon.

The writer received the following letter from Dr. Orr several years ago, before his death, and explains why I have never received a family record.





ARMY & NAVY GENERAL HOSPITAL  
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Oct. 15, 1927

Dear Uncle Will:

I have been taking an enforced vacation and have been at this hospital since last February trying to get rid of some arthritis and some obscure bone trouble which has kept me flat on my back since June. My father was down to see me a couple of months ago between rain storms.

During this period I have thought many times of the photograph and history I am to furnish you. So much time has elapsed since you made the request that a couple of fellows from another generation have stepped into the picture as you will note. This is only a kodak picture but it shows what kind we grow in Chicago.

George is in his first year in Beloit College, Wisconsin; and Harry, Jr., is finishing his High School in Chicago. Mrs. Orr has been here at Hot Springs but is leaving today to look things over in Chicago, including Nancy, eight years old. Our home is being looked after by friends, so that Nancy and Harry, Jr., can be home.

I am very sorry to have missed you and the folks at the Topeka Fair last year. I understand they had a very good meeting this year again.

Some time yet I may astonish you by furnishing the rest of the data. With best regards to everybody, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HARRY D. ORR

HDO-HB

Miss Bessie Orr was the daughter of David O. and Nancy Orr, formerly of Riley County, where they were engaged in farming. After her parents moved to Topeka, Kansas, Miss Bessie taught school, later going to Chicago as a graduate nurse. In addition to her professional work as a nurse, she took a great interest in church work. She held a position as Deaconess in one of the leading Methodist Churches of Chicago, and in her uplift work visited the hovels and slums of Chicago.

Miss Bessie after leaving Chicago, Ill., returned to her home in Topeka, to live with her parents. While there, she consulted with all the leading physicians of the country, securing their advice and treatments for a nervous malady, contracted during her work, no doubt, during her uplift work. The nature of her strange affliction was such as

to deprive her of the use of her limbs or body. Her speech and the use of her mind, however, was perfect even to the day of her death. She could converse with others and really enjoyed their visits; her mind, apparently, was perfection in itself. That that could be the case, considering her physical condition, certainly carries the outward evidences of a miracle. She possessed an urge for writing, devoting much of her spare time to writing poetry and other articles some of which will probably appear in this family history for your perusal.

Bessie had three brothers, Dr. Harry Orr of Chicago, who practiced for several years, and at the time of his death was a Colonel in the United States Army. Burton Orr, another brother, graduated as a Civil Engineer from the Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Government in Ore., the city of Portland. The third brother, Howard Orr, lived in Topeka.

During the fifteen years of Bessie's illness, she would dictate to her nurse the thoughts occurring to her, and the nurse would make a minute of her ideas, and thus she overcame the physical handicap with which she was afflicted. In that way her poetry was preserved that others might possess its cheerful spirit, through coming from one, who we might think had every reason to be contrariwise.

HOMAGE FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

In mem'ry of our soldier boys,  
We lay aside our work and toys,  
And haste to gather in the flow'rs  
That bloom for decoration show'rs.  
We think sometimes these flow'rs are glad  
That they the April rains have had,  
Because they can the better trace  
The image of the Father's face.  
And as we place them on the tomb,  
They seem to show a brighter bloom,  
And bow their heads in praise to God,  
Who keeps our boys beneath the sod.  
These boys of ours we love to think,  
Since they have passed beyond the brink,  
Are happy with the angel throng,  
And joining in their sweetest song.



Ah could we know their truest thought,  
T'would be what wonder God hath wrought,  
For they behold Him face to face,  
And sing in Glory "Saved by Grace."

—Bessie Orr

#### AMERICA

America, we do so love  
The stars and stripes so true,  
As they in triumph wave above  
Our boys beyond the Blue.  
As they proclaim to nations wide  
A universal pence;  
And set autocracy aside  
For Freedom's sweet release.  
America, we love thy span;  
We love to heed thy call,  
'Tis liberty for all.  
'Tis liberty for all, we say,  
'Tis liberty for all,  
The Stars and Stripes make safe the way  
With liberty for all.  
'Tis liberty for all, we sing,  
America, our pride;  
The peace is safe and peace doth ring;  
Democracies abide.

—Bessie Orr

Below is given a clipping from Topeka paper relative to Miss Bessie Orr's death:

"Miss Bessie Orr, daughter of David O. Orr, 1733 Buchanan St., Topeka, Kansas, died August 16, at a sanitarium in Nevada, Mo., after an invalidism of fifteen years. She was a student at the Agricultural College in 1896 and 1897, while living at Riley. The Orr family moved to Topeka in 1900 and Miss Orr taught the Clover Hill school near Topeka the following year. In 1901 she went to Chicago and entered the Methodist Training School for Home and Foreign Missions; finishing this course as a deaconess, she was assigned to active work in Chicago. After several years she entered the Wesley Hospital Training School for Nurses and had about completed the course when her health failed. She never again was able to resume active work. Her illness, Arthritis Deformans, became progressively worse from year to year. Her mother died last November after caring for her constantly through these many years."

Burton Sylvester Orr, third child of David O. Orr and Nancy Catherine Walter Orr, on July 20, 1910, was united in

marriage to Jennie Florence Ridenour, born Apr. 15, 1876. He received his education in the Riley and Shawnee county common schools, and was graduated from the mechanical engineering department of Kansas State College in 1907. He served as an instructor in the Oregon and Idaho agricultural colleges, teaching mechanical engineering. He served in the army during the World War and afterwards was retained in government service for several months. He lived in Topeka in 1919, and in August of the same year went to Portland, Ore. to accept a position as superintendent of the Portland Coke and Gas Co., which position he held at the time of his death, which occurred at Portland, Ore., July 27, 1925. The following children were born to them: Eunice Maurine, Jan. 11, 1912; Elmer Burton, July 2, 1914; Dorothy Olevian, Jan. 1, 1920.

Howard Walter Orr, fourth child of David O. Orr and Nancy Walter Orr, on Sept. 4, 1916, married Grace Lydia Gillilan, born Nov. 22, 1894. He clerked in the A. T. & S. F. Gen. Offices, as well as owned an interest in, and managed the business of The Peer's Battery Co., for a long time. There was born to the family, Dorothy Maxine Orr, Jan. 7, 1918. She passed away Jan. 7, 1918 and was buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, Topeka, Shawnee Co., Kansas.

Sarah Emily Walter, fifth child of Amos Walter and Sarah Ann Johnston Walter, on Nov. 1, 1875, was married to Levi James Orr, born Apr. 15, 1852, and they engaged in farming in Wayne Co., Ohio, between Orrville and Smithville, for a few years, when they sold their farm and moved to Wooster. Sarah Emily's qualifications were those of a person who was desirous of accumulating something of value. She bought and sold occasional pieces of property in the rapidly growing city of Wooster, and as a result was able to lay by considerable wealth. At the time of her death. She and her daughter owned a store that specialized in lady's ready-made clothing, and furnishings for homes in the way of draperies, curtains and whatever the trade demanded in that line. The store was situated on South Market street. Upon her death, Sarah Emily Orr was buried in the Wooster cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.



The following children were born into the family: Sarah Ellenor, Jan. 24, 1878; Nellie Jane, Sept. 14, 1879; an infant that died at birth, Aug. 18, 1881; Ida Bell, June 12, 1885; Isa May, June 12, 1885 (Twins); Levi Amos, Apr. 25, 1892; and Eva Ruth, Jan. 1, 1898.

Sarah E. Orr, on June 21, 1899, was married to David G. Douglas, born May 4, 1875. Mr. Douglas was a rural mail carrier; his address was RR No. 2, Orrville, Ohio. Three children were born to the family: Alverda M. Douglas, July 18, 1910; Claire O., Jan. 19, 1905; Ruth Irene, Sept. 13, 1915.

Nellie Jane Orr, on Jan. 26, 1904, married Bert Clarence Gates, born Mar. 5, 1875. As has been stated previously, Nellie has a store that handles dress goods and notions.

Ida Bell Orr, on Feb. 16, 1904, was married to John Benton Devanny, born May 19, 1880. His occupation was that of a telegraph operator. Two children were born to them: Eva Catherine, Sept. 21, 1905; and Sarah Elizabeth, Sept. 27, 1907.

Isa May Orr, on Dec. 21, 1904, married Emil H. Krause, born Nov. 28, 1880. Mr. Krause's occupation was that of a brushmaker. Before their marriage his wife was a clerk in a wholesale establishment. Their address was 515 South Burr St., Wooster, Ohio. The following children were born to them: Emil Walter Krause, Nov. 28, 1905; and Virginia May Krause, Oct. 14, 1908. Emil H. Krause passed away Oct. 9, 1928, and was buried in the Wooster cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Levi Amos Walter Orr, on June 27, 1914, was married to Grace Lucetta Bower, born Mar. 5, 1895. Levi Amos is a metal polisher by trade; his wife was a milliner before marriage. Their address was Wooster, Ohio. The following children were born to them: Donald Lee, July 2, 1915; Robert Walter, Aug. 16, 1917; Wesley, Jan. 18, 1919. Donald Lee Orr passed away July 2, 1915 and was buried at Wooster, Ohio.

Eva Ruth Orr, on Jan. 27, 1915, was united in marriage to Daniel Lyman Hixson, born Aug. 8, 1890. Mr. Hixson was engaged in farming near Wooster. His wife before her

marriage was a telephone operator. The following children were born to them: Ralph Daniel, Oct. 31, 1916; Walter Orr, Jan. 11, 1919; Donald James, Mar. 27, 1924; Richard Lee, Nov. 29, 1925; Charles Emerson, Nov. 14, 1929.

Amos Herschel Walter, sixth child of Amos Walter and Sarah Ann Johnson Walter, was united in marriage on Feb. 25, 1885, to Luzetta May Geitgey, born Oct. 8, 1864. Amos Herschel was a farmer and live stock dealer—buying and selling, lived near Wooster. He specialized in the furnishing of feeder stock to the farmers going to the Chicago market and personally attending to the buying, and the delivering of the stock to his customers. He would notify his patrons of the time he would be in Wooster, with his feeder stock, and they would come there and buy them. In this manner he did a very large volume of business. He was also a dealer in real estate, buying and selling whenever the opportunity presented itself. For a long period of time he supervised the management of several service stations, with exceptional ability. He owns a nice residence property on Beale Avenue, Wooster, where he resides. In Orrville he has a service station which he has leased out and also one in Wooster, and his business transactions have been such as to show that he has been successful. The following children were born to them: Irvin Walter, Apr. 4, 1886; Grace, Aug. 7, 1890; and Dessa, Aug. 9, 1893, who became a school teacher. Luzetta May Walter passed away Apr. 16, 1933, and was buried in Wooster cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Irvin H. Walter, on Nov. 26, 1915, married Ruth Hetherington, born June 3, 1892. Miss Hetherington was a music teacher and received musical education at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; also served as bookkeeper for the Dodge Motor Co. Irvin Walter is employed as a traveling salesman for an oil company, and lives in Wichita, Kansas.

Grace Gertrude Walter, on Apr. 24, 1920, was married to Frank S. Bascom, born Aug. 7, 1890. Grace taught in the public schools for three years, after having graduated from Wooster College in 1913, Wooster, Ohio. Frank S. Bascom was in the forest ranger service in Arizona for





some time, but is now in Dunsmuir, Calif., where he has a grocery store.

Dessa Walter united in marriage to John H. Turner, Public Accountant, May 29, 1919. One child was born into the family, John Walter Turner, born June 4, 1923. John H. Turner was born Jan. 9, 1893, and went to school at Mansfield, Ohio High School, he also attended Business College at Mansfield, Ohio, then came to Cleveland, Ohio, and won the position as auditor of the Kuhlman Car Co., which made street cars. He was also traveling auditor for the Sherman William Paint Co., he also attended night law school and took the C. P. A. examination and became Public Accountant for which business he is in at the present time. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and also deacon of the Presbyterian Church.

Dessa Walter attended college at Wooster, Ohio for 2 years then went to the Allegheny Hospital at Pittsburg for one year and a half at which time her sister was taken sick and Dessa returned home. She then taught school; One year in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade at Apple Creek, one-half year at Orrville, one and one-half years at Lakewood, one year at Wooster. After that she finished her course as a trained nurse. Her present address is 3266 Warrington Rd., Spoker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

John Wesley Walter, seventh child of Amos Walter and Sarah Ann Johnston Walter, on Mar. 20, 1890, was married to Anna Catherine Schultz, born Oct. 31, 1866. Anna Catherine was a dressmaker before marriage. John Wesley was a farmer and cattle dealer near Wooster. He made a specialty of buying dairy cows—chiefly jerseys—and shipping them to prospective buyers in the State of New Jersey; afterwards he bought up dairy cows and shipped them to that state and sold them at auction. Meeting with considerable success in the venture, he eventually established a sales-barn in Wooster, or near the city, where he bought up the stock and sold it. The business that he is engaged in at the present time is real estate. He is a licensed real estate broker, and his office is located at 229 North Market

St., Wooster, Ohio. His wife, Louise Walter, is his assistant in the carrying on of their real estate business.

The following children were born as a result of John Wesley Walter's first marriage, as follows: Harry W. Walter, Mar. 12, 1891; and Roy W. Walter, Nov. 6, 1892. Roy Walter worked as a clerk for the Penn. RR. and also for the Express Co., at Chicago and later at Orrville. Roy passed away Jan. 1, 1919 and lies buried in the Wooster cemetery. His mother, Anna Catherine died Mar. 29, 1899 and was also buried in the Wooster cemetery.

Harry W. Walter, on July 25, 1912, was married to Helen Erskine Ramsay, born Mar. 9, 1890. He is a realtor, and his address was 333 W. Buckeye St., Wooster, O. The following children were born to the family: Janet Ramsay, July 13, 1913; William Sharpe, July 4, 1915; Sara Louise, Apr. 28, 1917; John Wesley, July 21, 1920; Helen Ann, Feb. 12, 1923; Harry Wayne, Jr., Mar. 27, 1926. Harry Wayne Walter, Jr., passed away Mar. 29, 1926 and was buried in Wooster cemetery.

John Wesley Walter, on Sept. 20, 1900, was married to Elma Adella Naftzger, born May 16, 1865, and to this union two children were born: Anna Marie, May 24, 1902; and Grace Lucile, Nov. 2, 1904. Elma Adella Walter, John Wesley's second wife passed away Oct. 30, 1910 and was buried in Wooster cemetery.

Anna Marie Walter, on May 30, 1928, became united in marriage to Lowell Magaw Heller, born Sept. 15, 1899. Anna before marriage taught four years in High School. She was a graduate of Wooster High School; graduate of Wooster College and holds a life certificate for High School teaching in the state of Ohio. She specializes in science, English and education. Lowell Magaw Heller is a graduate of High School, and attended the State University and took post graduate work, as well as several courses from the La Salle Extension University of Chicago, Ill. He is now employed as special agent in the traffic department of the Penn. RR.

Grace Lucile Walter united in marriage to William Henry Greene, Oct. 1, 1927. Two children were born into



the family; William Wesley Greene, Sept. 28, 1928; Robert Walter Greene, Sept. 17, 1932. William Henry Greene was born July 3, 1899. His occupation was a clerk.

John Wesley Walter was married a third time. On Feb. 19, 1913, he was united in marriage to Louise Dousman, born Mar. 25, 1866. Before her marriage Louise was a dressmaker.

Leo Elmer Walter, ninth child of Amos Walter and Sarah Ann Johnston Walter, on Jan. 14, 1892, was married to Amanda Ellen Lautenschlager, born Sept. 7, 1868. He engaged in the farming business, and devoted much effort to the fattening of sheep, cattle and also horses for the Philadelphia market. The sheep and cattle going to Pittsburgh market. He also conducted a dairy in an extensive way and maintained a milk depot at his home. After many years farming, he moved to Wooster and engaged in the real estate business maintaining an office in his home. The following are the children born to the family: Forest Leroy, June 14, 1893; Edith Iola, July 31, 1895; Ralph Allen, Apr. 4, 1899; Alfred Warren, Sept. 17, 1902.

Forest L. Walter, on May 20, 1916, became married to Pauline Weygandt, born May 20, 1892. Pauline was a dressmaker before her marriage. Forest L. Walter taught school quite extensively, and later entered the life insurance business. Their address was Akron, Ohio.

Edith Iola Walter, on June 21, 1918, married D. G. Swanger, born Nov. 20, 1891. Mr. Swanger is an instructor of vocational agriculture. Edith Iola taught in the public schools for several years. She was the originator of the idea of school gardening or school farming. At the Wooster Fair she exhibited essays on gardening that had been written by her pupils from their experiences in tending to their gardens, and as a result of those essays the Fair took up the matter and offered prizes for the best essays on gardening, based on the childrens' own experiences. The idea grew to such extent that the Fair had to provide larger and ample quarters for the exhibits. Mr. Swanger's address was Apple Creek, Ohio. One child was born to the family: Donald Swanger, May 3, 1919.

Ralph Allen Walter, on June 22, 1924, married Georgie Ellen Hackett, born July 10, 1901. Mr. Walter is a mechanic and lived at Apple Creek, Ohio. They had one child: Larry Dale Walter, born April 26, 1929. Ralph Walter is a graduate of the Orrville High School. Georgie Ellen graduated from Apple Creek High School and taught for four years in the public schools.



## CHAPTER XI

### DANIEL WALTER—MARY JANE KRAMER DESCENDENTS. ELI BRUCE—NANCY WALTER BRUCE DESCENDENTS

DANIEL WALTER, thirteenth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister, married Mary Jane Kramer, but the writer has no record of the date of their marriage nor date of the birth of Mary Jane. They settled down to farming in Wayne county, Ohio, but after several years moved to DeKalb county, Ind., settling some distance from Auburn, seven miles south. Three of Daniel's children the writer has no record of: Calvin, Rez and a daughter. The fourth, Clifton Walter was born Oct. 9, 1872.

Clifton Walter became united in marriage to Alice C. Ensley, born June 28, 1874, on the 17th day of October, 1893. Mr. Walter is a gravel contractor; furnishing it for all purposes where gravel is necessary in construction work. His gravel dipping, screening, and washing processes involves considerable business management, and when one considers the amount of constructive work done to-day where gravel and cement are the largest factors, one can have an idea of the volume of Mr. Walter's business. Mr. Walter's address is 527 East Main St., Greenfield, Ind., in which city his plant is located. The following are his children in the order of their birth: Grenivere J., Aug. 9, 1895; Grace V., Feb. 2, 1897; Nellie B., Nov. 1, 1899; and Thomas Randall, Apr. 2, 1903.

Grenivere J. Walter, on Apr. 28, 1920, married Harry R. Olinger, born July 9, 1892. At one time (and to a certain extent still is) Harry R. engaged in sheet metal contract work, but devotes the most of his time to the management, together with his wife, of their Antique store on So. Wayne street at Auburn. Their well-stocked salesroom contains a wonderful collection of antiques of various kinds, furniture, glassware and otherwise. In fact, anything of an antique nature of by-gone historical periods and significance. Any readers that are interested in articles of that





kind, while passing through Indiana should, by all means, visit the Olingers' shop, for their time will be well spent in looking over their collection. Or if interested one should write them.

Grace V. Walter became united in marriage to Zenith Mitchener, born Sept. 20, 1891, and they settled down to farming near Auburn. Grace V. graduated from the course in pharmacy, Indianapolis College of Pharmacy, June 2, 1925. They have three children: Arden Thane, born Apr. 11, 1914; Lamar Burdett, Sept. 11, 1915; and Robert Daniel, Dec. 11, 1917.

Nellie Berniece Walter, on June 14, 1919, married Wilbur L. Beaty, born Oct. 20, 1899. Mr. Beaty is a heating engineer and is in the employ of the American Furnace Co. He lives at 3676 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. One child was born to them, Billy Max Beaty, born Mar. 25, 1920.

Thomas Randall Walter, on June 20, 1928, was united in marriage to Nina Genevra Burgett, born Dec. 6, 1903. Nina taught school some time before her marriage. Mr. Walter is a pharmacist and operates the Temple cafe, of which he is also owner, in Auburn, Ind.

#### ELI BRUCE—NANCY WALTER BRUCE DESCENDENTS

Nancy Walter, the fourteenth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter, became united in marriage to Eli Bruce. They settled down to farming near Carey, Wyandotte county, Ohio, and later moved to Nebraska, settling in Saunders county, near Wahoo. In earlier days, in addition to farming, he did considerable carpenter work, working at the trade whenever the opportunity afforded.

The following children were born to them: Margaret Ann, Mary Minerva, Aug. 11, 1849; Sarilla Elizabeth, Nov. 1851; Eliza Charmina; Robert Walter Bruce, 1859; Louiza Jane, 1859; Elva Cornelia, Oct., 1861; Nellie and Ollie; and Rose Florence, born July 10, 1866.

As can be observed the records of their births are very incomplete but were the only ones that the writer was

able to gather. Eli Bruce passed away during the month of November, 1888. and his wife Nancy, died Mar. 24, 1909, both being buried at or near Wahoo, Nebraska, Saunders county.

Margaret Ann Bruce was married to Samuel Barnheiser, a farmer, and lived near Carey, Wyandotte county, Ohio. Mary Ann passed away March 28, 1887.

Mary Minerva Bruce in the year 1871, was married to William H. Miller, born July 5, 1851. They engaged in farming near Portland, Ore. The following children were born into the family: Grace Florence, June 21, 1876 and Edna B., Oct. 21, 1878.

Grace Florence Miller became united in marriage to Kirtland C. Good.

Edna B. Miller married Thos. William Burns. They have two children: Gladys L., born Oct. 27, 1895; and Thrissa, Mar. 9, 1897.

Gladys Leon Burns married James Art Reed, born Sept. 1, 1892. Mr. Burns is a coast artilleryman. One son James L. Reed was born to this union, June 26, 1920.

Thrissa Burns married John Gladstone Shearer, born Aug. 11, 1896, and is connected with the submarine branch of the United States Navy.

Sarilla Elizabeth Bruce was united in marriage to Granville Hunter. Earl Hunter, their son, was born Nov. 25, 1884. Sarilla E. Hunter passed away during the month of March, 1908.

Earl Hunter became married to Jessie Worst, to which union were born the following children: Bernice, May 12, 1904; Carl, Jan. 1, 1906; Bruce, May 25, 1907; and Margaret, May 25, 1907 (Twins).

Eliza Charmina Bruce, fourth child of record of Eli Bruce and Nancy Walter Bruce, married James Detimore. Eliza Charmina Bruce passed away sometime during the year 1902.

Robert Walter Bruce married Leona Simpkins and they settled down to farming in Saunders county, Nebraska. To this union were born the following children: Lulu, July, 1883; Robert Bonner, Nov. 1885; Goldie, 1887; and Jay



Clark Bruce. Lulu Bruce died Jan. 15, 1885; Laura Simpkins Bruce, June 23, 1897; and Goldie Bruce, Oct. 10, 1905.

After the death of his first wife, Robert Walter Bruce married Dora Lemane, in the year 1903. They have one adopted girl, Agnes Arline.

Robert Bonner Bruce married Ethel Tracy, and to this union were born the following children, of which I have not the birth dates: Raymond, Ardis, Helen, and Margaret.

Jay Clark Bruce, second son of Robert Walter Bruce by first marriage, married Myrtle Thomas, to which union a daughter, Virginia, was born June, 1920.

Louiza Jane Bruce, sixth child of Eli Bruce and Nancy Walter Bruce, married Peter Nicholas Meilhede, and the date of his death was July 11, 1916.

Elva Cornelia Bruce, seventh child of record of Eli Bruce and Nancy Walter Bruce, in 1881 married David Cramer, a photographer. They lived in Carey, Wyandotte county, Ohio. David Cramer passed away Dec. 14, 1914, and was buried in the Wharton cemetery.

Rose Florence Bruce, eighth child of record of Eli Bruce and Nancy Walter Bruce, in June 1885 became united in marriage to Robert Beauchamp. In December 1908 she was married to Gurdon Bertram.

## CHAPTER XII

CYRUS WALTER—HANNAH BROWN WALTER DESCENDENTS. LOUISA (ELIZA) WALTER—JNO. R. BRENNEMAN DESCENDENTS

CYRUS WALTER, fifteenth child of Christian Walter and Margaretha Keister Walter was united in marriage to Hannah Brown, born Mar. 5, 1836. They engaged in farming in Wayne county, Ohio, on Grandfather Christian Walter's original farm, which Cyrus Walter owned. During the years that he farmed in Ohio, he made a specialty of breeding and raising shorthorn cattle for exhibition purposes at the State and County Fairs. He afterwards moved to Filer, Idaho, selling off everything in Ohio to make the change. The following children were born into the family: Sarah Elizabeth, June 20, 1859; Hubbard Brown, Jan. 14, 1862; Lewis Keister Walter, Feb. 23, 1864, who afterwards became a salesman; Helen Melissa, Oct. 12, 1869; and Cyrus Morse, May 23, 1873, who attended four terms at Smithville Academy, and settled down to farming. Cyrus Walter died Mar. 1, 1911, and his wife also, but have not the date. Both being interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Filer, Twin Falls county, Idaho.

Sarah Elizabeth Walter, on Dec. 21, 1884, was married to Amandus M. Winkler, born Mar. 5, 1854. They became engaged in farming on their own farm west of Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio. Three children were born to this union: Emmet Winkler, Apr. 2, 1886; Nettie, July 24, 1887; Delbert D., May 11, 1890. Emmet and Nettie Winkler passed away Apr. 10, 1886 and July 28, 1887, respectively, and were interred in Paradise cemetery, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Hubbard Brown Walter, second child of Cyrus Walter, on the 12th of March, 1888, became united in marriage to Nannie Lee Ella McCullough, born Dec. 20, 1871. The early part of Mr. Walter's life was spent teaching school, and it is said that many men and women owe their success in life to him. He moved together with his father to Filer, Idaho, and engaged in farming, threshing and raising livestock.



Mr. Walter brought from Ohio several carloads of registered Holstein Friesian cattle and Percheron horses and did much to advance the livestock interests of this section. He was associated for some time with his brother L. K. Walter in the horse business, and operated a farm and poultry ranch south of Buhl, although he maintained his residence at Filer, Idaho. Mr. Walter passed away at Filer, Idaho, after an illness of some three years and the funeral services were held from the Methodist church. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Filer. He was a devoted father and husband, a keen observer, an intelligent student, a loyal friend and because of the diversity of his activities, had a wide acquaintance, not only in Idaho but in Ohio as well,—his former home. In livestock, especially horses, he was an authority, and his name is coupled with some of the best blooded stock of that section of Idaho. The following children were born to the family: Earl Omar, Mar. 12, 1889; William McCullough, Aug. 24, 1891; Miriam Rebecca, Apr. 26, 1894; Gertrude Elizabeth Lee Walter, May 22, 1896; Claribel Lucile Walter, July 16, 1904; Jenny Wren, Nov. 30, 1911.

Earl Omar Walter, on April 5, 1910, was united in marriage to Bernice Matilda Faust, born Apr. 3, 1892. Before her marriage Miss Faust was a music teacher having been a pupil of Miss Webster of Wooster, a professional teacher of music of recognized ability. Mrs. Bernice Matilda Walter taught music also in Filer, Idaho. Earl Omar Walter was born and reared on the homestead of his great grandfather, Christian Walter, one and one-half miles west of Orrville, Ohio. On this farm his father, Hubbard B. Walter, in partnership with his grandfather owned fine herds of shorthorn cattle, and this is where Earl Omar Walter in his youth learned the fine qualities of cattle.

Earl's ambition in his youth was to be an auctioneer. When the little tots come to play with him, their first game would be public auction or sale. When attending district school his suggestions to his playmates, invariably was: "Let's have public sale," whenever the question arose as to what game to play. He graduated from the Orrville High School and from Wooster University with high honors and

has a diploma from the Auctioneering School at Chicago, Illinois. He has been manager and salesman of fine pedigreed stock in the following different states: California, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. He is considered one of the best—possibly the best—qualified auctioneers west of the Missouri River.

William McCullough Walter, on Mar. 4, 1917, married Lucile Finch, born Mar. 4, 1894. William was a student at the University of Wooster, and became an overseer and partner of the Finch Ranch, near Twin Falls, Idaho, some time after going to Idaho with his father, Hubbard B. Walter. Sheep were raised primarily, and their numbers ran into the thousands of head in the summer season and pastured in the foothills. The land of the ranch is very productive, and they raise wheat, potatoes, sugar beets and alfalfa. There were two children born to them: Constance Lee Ella, Dec. 13, 1917; and Eleanor Rebecca, Oct. 28, 1920. Constance Lee Ella passed away Jan. 26, 1919, and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Filer, Ida.

Miriam Rebecca Walter, third child of Hubbard B. Walter, on Sept. 23, 1914, was united in marriage to Lester Risser Musser, born in Feb. 1889. Miss Miriam before her marriage acted as substitute teacher in the high school at Filer, Ida. She had attended high school at Orrville, Ohio, and had finished her work in the high school at Filer. Mr. Musser is a graduate of the Moscow, Idaho Agricultural College and was employed as cashier of the Filer, Idaho bank. He is also a wrestler of some renown, being the lightweight champion of the state of Idaho. The following children were born to their family: Ven Dean L., Nov. 4, 1915; Donald Walter, Dec. 25, 1911; Richard H. June 3, 1918; Margery Nan, Mar. 12, 1920.

Lewis Keister Walter, third child of Cyrus Walter, as a youth and young man learned all about the fine herds of shorthorn pedigreed cattle raised and bred by his father. He accompanied these cattle to the Fairs and supervised the handling of them as show stock, and dealt with prospective buyers. He was considered by the people of the community as a man of honesty and integrity, and held in the highest esteem.





College at Akron, Ohio; Cora M., born Mar. 26, 1907. Jay Walter Brenneman passed away Oct. 3, 1897 and was buried in the Pleasant View cemetery, Stark county, Ohio.

May Melissa Brenneman, tenth child of John R. Brenneman and Louisa (Eliza) Walter Brenneman, was united in marriage to Ephraim J. Steele on the seventh day of Mar. 1897. Mr. Steele was born November 23, 1869, and he was employed as a rolling mill machinist. They lived in Wooster and their address was 920 Nold Avenue. The following children were born to the family: C. Walter Steele, Feb. 20, 1898; and Paul H. Steele, April 2, 1909. Paul H. Steele died April 8, 1909 and was interred in Crown Hill cemetery at Orrville, Ohio.

I, Marjorie J. Walter, of 730 West Walnut Street Waterloo, Indiana, have been compiling information on the Walter family history for the past seven years. I would appreciate any information you can pass on to me so that the Walter and Keister Descendents, Vol. 2 will be as complete as possible. I'll be very pleased to share my information with our future generations.

One of the greatest wishes of the author is that someone will start a second volume of the Walter and Keister generations that will provide a history of the future descendents.





Stephen Bryant Walter

David Paul Walter

Paul Edsel Walter

Edna Pauline Bryant

Born 1-19-22  
Died 10-29-66  
Cedar Chapel Cemetery  
D.W. Ashbury, Ind.

Agnes Conner Walter

Born 1-7-1879  
Died 5-12-1968

9 Children -  
Walter Calvin  
Rhyonah David  
Ellen Jennette  
Wilma Virginia  
Laurie Bernice  
Paul Edsel  
Sara May  
Vallie Della  
Glen Jean

married Apr 29, 1908

Both buried  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
Ashbury, Ind.

Floy Louise Enaley

Born 10-21-1865  
Died 7-4-1951

Calvin Walter

1854-1884

Cedar Chapel

4 children  
Margaret  
Edith May  
Florence  
Squire

Ellen Brumbaugh

1858-1935

Lake Sagel Cemetery

William Enaley

B. 8-2-1842  
D. 8-1-1918

10 Children  
Emma Ellsworth  
Ella  
Peter Emmett  
Carrin Belle  
Alice Carlotta  
Fannie Mary  
Ella Ruth  
Florence Claudine  
Floy Enaley  
Married 12-24-1863

Both buried  
Cedar Chapel

Jennett Cramer

B. 8-23-1845  
D. 1-20-1901

Daniel Walter

1829-1910

9 children - 4 of which died  
in infancy

Cedar Chapel

Calvin  
Mary  
Alfred  
Ellen  
Alvada

Sara Jane Kramers

1855-1911

Samuel Brumbaugh

1814-1884

Born near Ashbury, Ind.  
One of 4 children

Had 6 children  
Martha (Schubert)  
Mary (Wright)  
Sam (Wright)  
Ellen (McCulloch)  
John (Wright) - and Barbara (Wright)

Margaret Brady

George Enaley

B. 9-12-1815  
D. 8-1-1888

Married 12-13-1838

Buried Enaley  
Cemetery, Ashbury

Lydia Noel

B. 2-28-1815  
D. 2-6-1883

9 Children  
Wm #3  
Sarah  
Nicholas  
William  
Solomon  
Mary Ann  
Nancy Alice  
John Perry  
Joseph E. H. H.  
Laura

Married 6-16-1801

Both buried  
Cedar Chapel

Elisabeth Beames

B. 7-21-1780  
D. 9-18-1847

Seneca Co., Ohio

Christian Walter

1781-1852

16 children born in  
Seneca Co., moved  
to Wooster, Ohio

Cedar Chapel

Calvin  
Mary  
Alfred  
Ellen  
Alvada

Margaret Keister

1781-1862

2 daughters in  
War of 1812

Lewis Keister

Revolutionary War  
Penn. Volunteers

Michael Enaley

B. 8-4-1788  
D. 3-4-1871

Buried W. of Columbus, Ind.  
10 children - George #14

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B. 10-15-1777  
D. 10-29-1863

Married 6-16-1801

Both buried  
Cedar Chapel

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Grandfather came to England  
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